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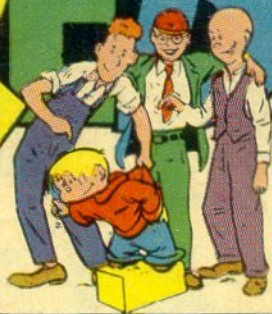
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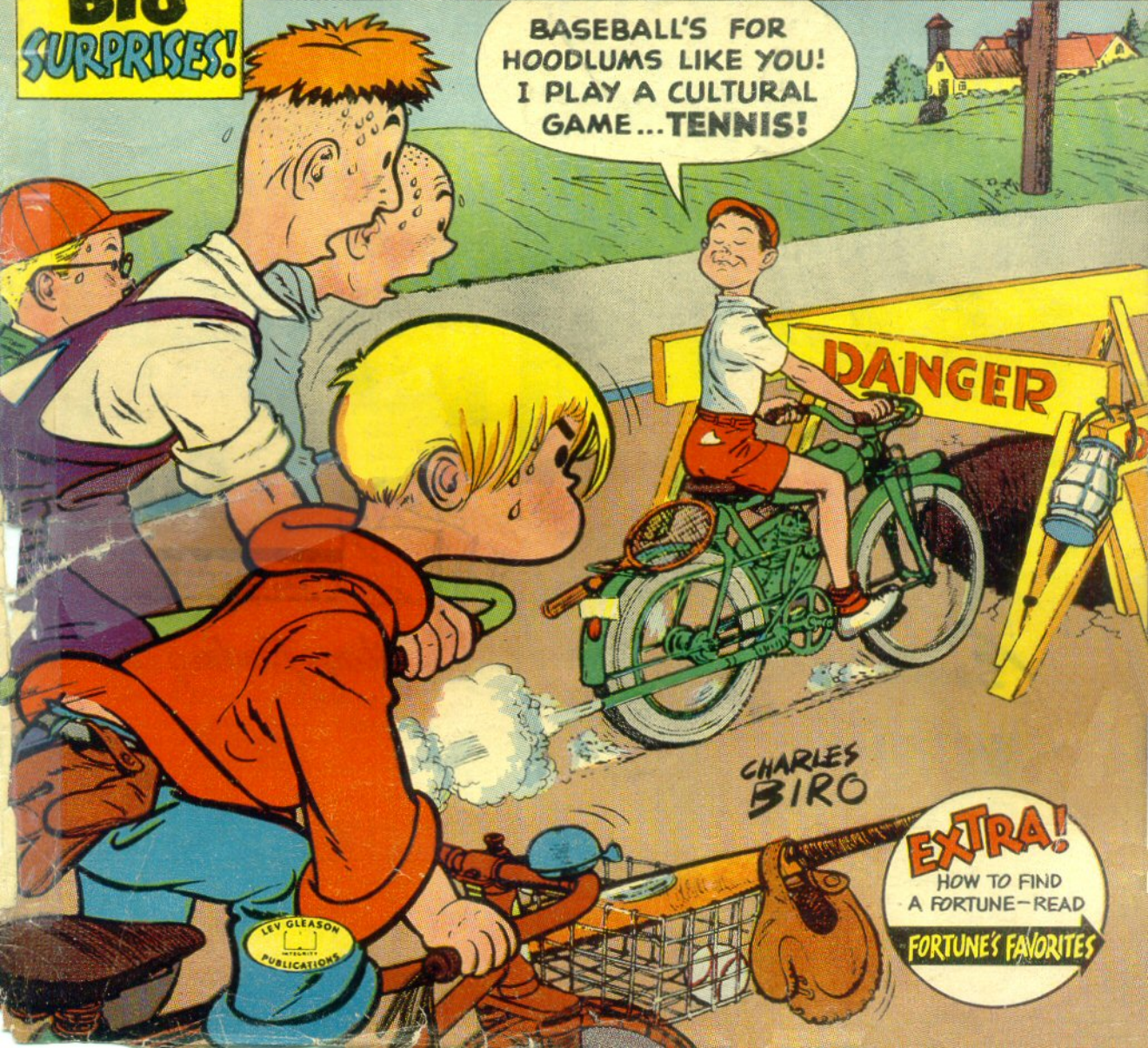


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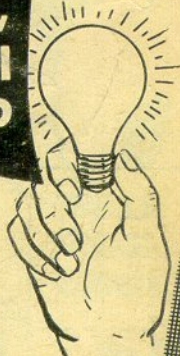
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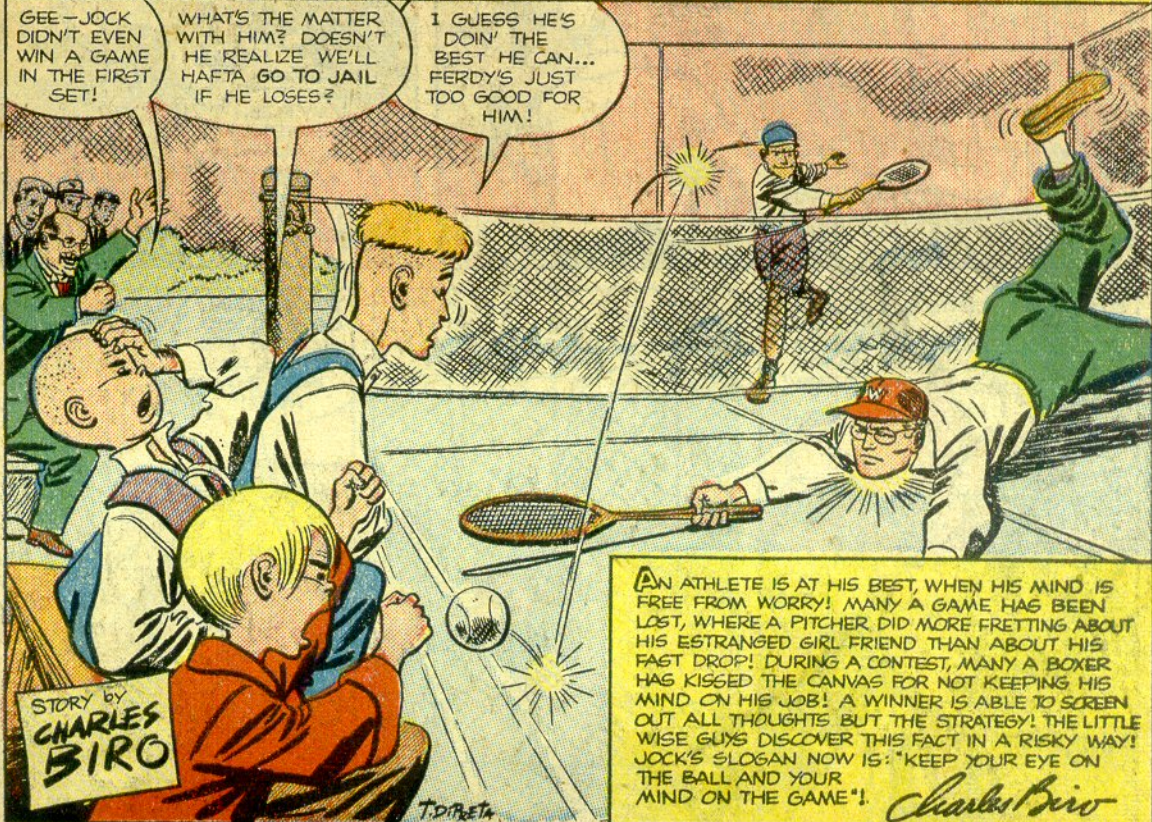
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the LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "THE RACKET BUSTERS"



GEE—JOCK DIDN'T EVEN WIN A GAME IN THE FIRST SET!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM? DOESN'T HE REALIZE WE'LL HAFTA GO TO JAIL IF HE LOSES?

I GUESS HE'S DOIN' THE BEST HE CAN... FERDY'S JUST TOO GOOD FOR HIM!

STORY BY
CHARLES BIRG

T. D. BETA

AN ATHLETE IS AT HIS BEST, WHEN HIS MIND IS FREE FROM WORRY! MANY A GAME HAS BEEN LOST, WHERE A PITCHER DID MORE FRETTING ABOUT HIS ESTRANGED GIRL FRIEND THAN ABOUT HIS FAST DROP! DURING A CONTEST, MANY A BOXER HAS KISSED THE CANVAS FOR NOT KEEPING HIS MIND ON HIS JOB! A WINNER IS ABLE TO SCREEN OUT ALL THOUGHTS BUT THE STRATEGY! THE LITTLE WISE GUYS DISCOVER THIS FACT IN A RISKY WAY! JOCK'S SLOGAN NOW IS: "KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL AND YOUR MIND ON THE GAME!"

Charles Birg



JEEPERS! IF THE PARK DEPARTMENT WON'T LET US SELL TICKETS TO OUR BALL GAME, HOW ARE WE GONNA RAISE MONEY FOR NEW EQUIPMENT?

HEY! THERE'S A VACANT LOT RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE MARKHAM MILLS! MAYBE THEY'LL LET US USE IT!

WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?



WOULD YOU LET US PLAY ON THE LOT?

I'M ONLY THE FOREMAN— BUT IT'S OKAY WITH ME! AND PUT ME DOWN FOR TWO TICKETS!

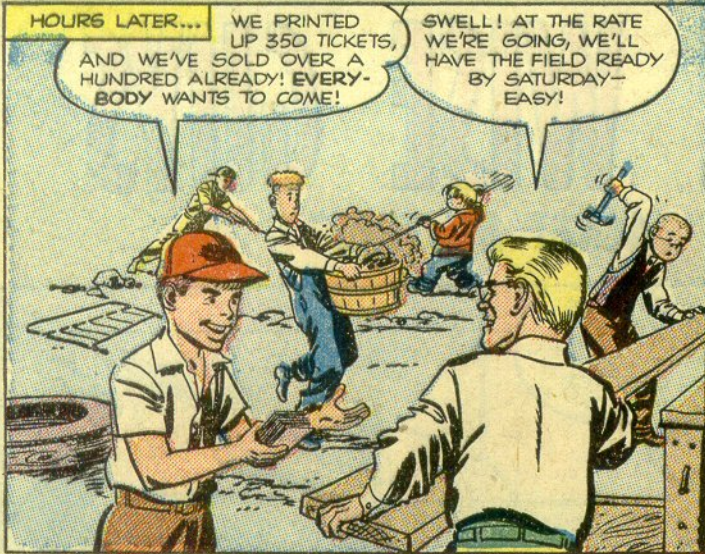
GOSH— YOU SURE ARE A SWELL GUY, MISTER FOREMAN!



HEY, WISE GUYS! I'LL MAKE THE TICKETS ON MY PRINTIN' SET! JOEY AN' ME'LL SELL 'EM!

MY POP SAID HE'D GIVE US THE LUMBER TO BUILD THE SEATS!

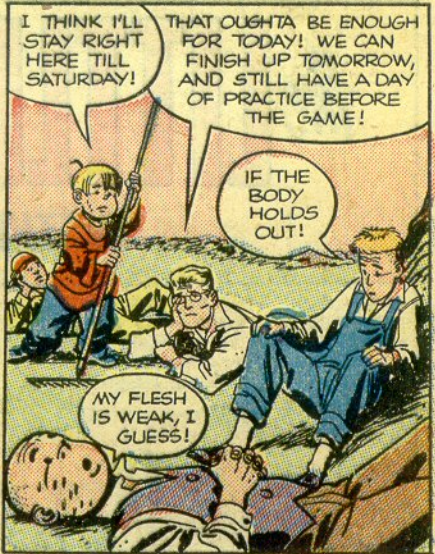
OKAY! THE REST OF US CAN CLEAN THE LOT OFF, AND LINE THE FIELD!



HOURS LATER...

WE PRINTED UP 350 TICKETS, AND WE'VE SOLD OVER A HUNDRED ALREADY! EVERYBODY WANTS TO COME!

SWELL! AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING, WE'LL HAVE THE FIELD READY BY SATURDAY-- EASY!

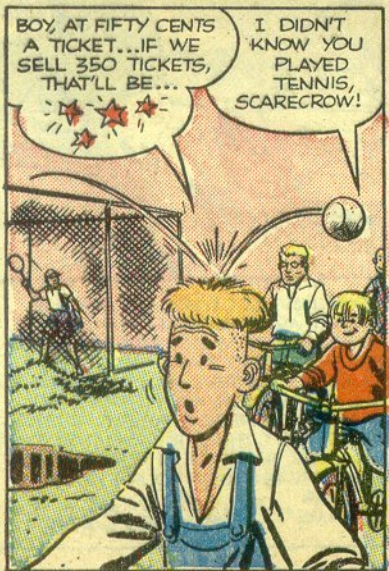


I THINK I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE TILL SATURDAY!

THAT OUGHTA BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY! WE CAN FINISH UP TOMORROW, AND STILL HAVE A DAY OF PRACTICE BEFORE THE GAME!

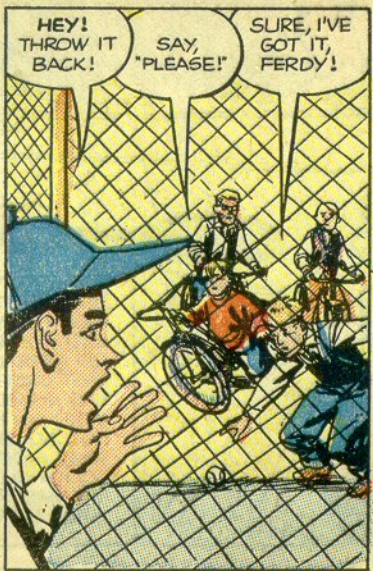
IF THE BODY HOLDS OUT!

MY FLESH IS WEAK, I GUESS!



BOY, AT FIFTY CENTS A TICKET...IF WE SELL 350 TICKETS, THAT'LL BE...

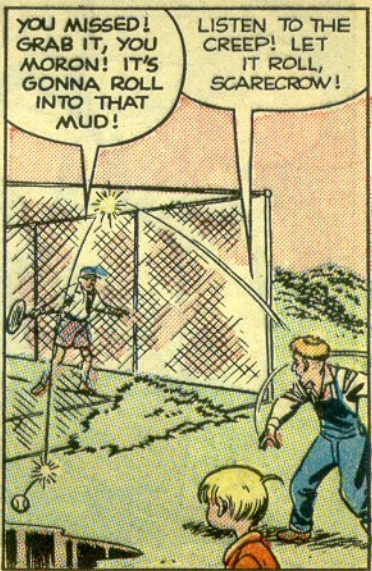
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU PLAYED TENNIS, SCARECROW!



HEY! THROW IT BACK!

SAY, "PLEASE!"

SURE, I'VE GOT IT, FERDY!



YOU MISSED! GRAB IT, YOU MORON! IT'S GONNA ROLL INTO THAT MUD!

LISTEN TO THE CREEP! LET IT ROLL, SCARECROW!



GET IT YOURSELF!

DARN! DARN! NOW I HAVE TO WALK OUT!



HI, JERRY! WE'LL GIVE YOU A COUPLE PASSES IF YOU'LL LET US PUT THIS POSTER IN YOUR SWEET SHOP WINDOW!

SURE! I WAS PLANNING TO BUY SOME TICKETS, ANYWAY! HOW ARE THEY SELLING?

LIKE YOUR DOUBLE SUNDAES!

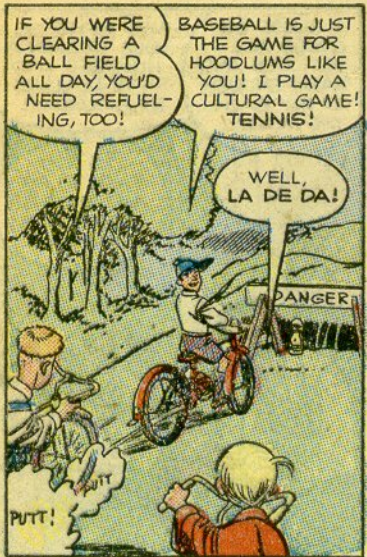


GEE, I WISH I HAD ONE OF THOSE PUTT-PUTTS RIGHT NOW!

HEY, LOOK WHO'S RIDING IT--FERDY MARKHAM!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, WISE GUYS-- OUT OF GAS?

PUTT! PUTT!

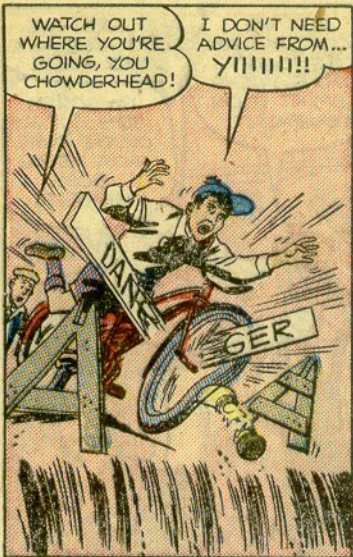


IF YOU WERE CLEARING A BALL FIELD ALL DAY, YOU'D NEED REFUELING, TOO!

BASEBALL IS JUST THE GAME FOR HOODLUMS LIKE YOU! I PLAY A CULTURAL GAME! TENNIS!

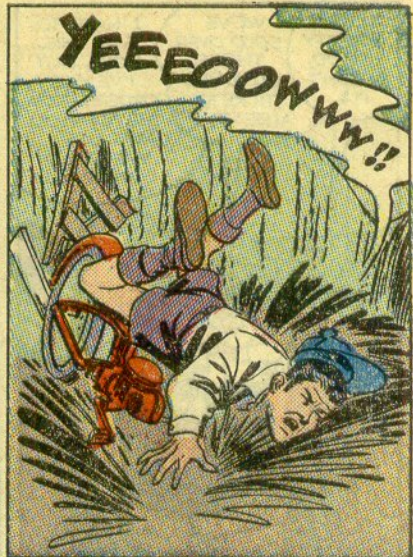
WELL, LA DE DA!

DANGER!



WATCH OUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU CHOWDERHEAD!

I DON'T NEED ADVICE FROM... YIIIIII!!!



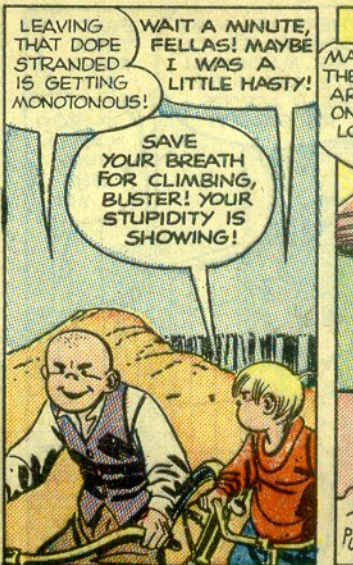
YEEEOOWW!!



LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND!

MUST WE?

I DON'T NEED HELP FROM RUFFIANS LIKE YOU!



LEAVING THAT DOPE STRANDED IS GETTING MONOTONOUS!

WAIT A MINUTE, FELLAS! MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE HASTY!

SAVE YOUR BREATH FOR CLIMBING, BUSTER! YOUR STUPIDITY IS SHOWING!



THE NEXT AFTERNOON...

MASTER MARKHAM! THE LITTLE WISE GUYS ARE PLAYING BALL ON THE OLD PARK-LOT! DID YOU SEE THEM?

WELL, WELL! SO WELL! SO WELL! I'M USING MY FATHER'S FIELD! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!



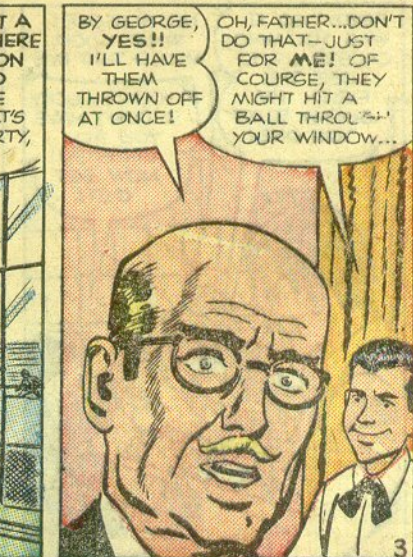
HELLO, FERDINAND! DID YOU GET YOUR MOTOR BIKE FIXED?

YES! THEY JUST PUT ON TWO NEW WHEELS, AND IT'S GOOD AS NEW!



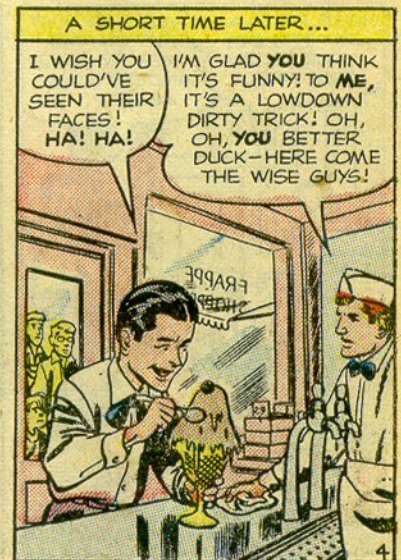
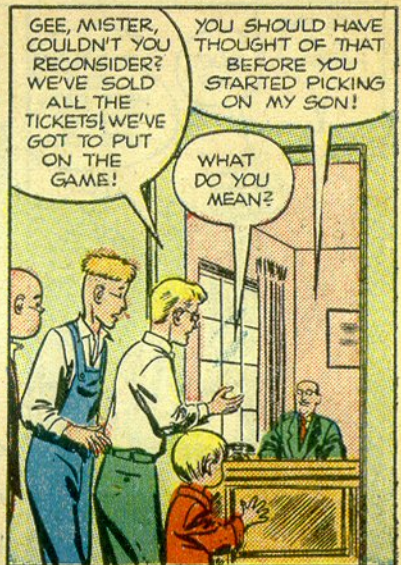
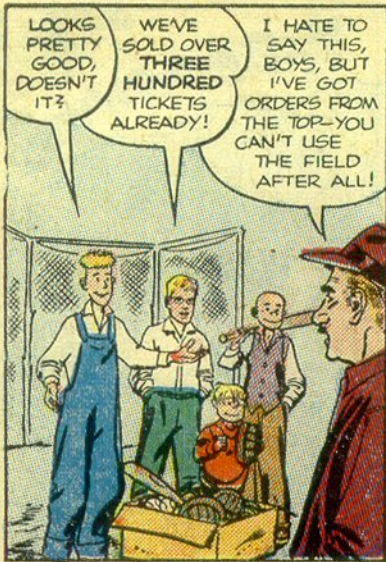
DID YOU EVER LEARN THE NAME OF THOSE LITTLE HOODLUMS WHO BEAT YOU UP, AND SMASHED THE BIKE?

NOW ISN'T THAT A COINCIDENCE! THERE THEY ARE—ON THAT FIELD ACROSS THE STREET! THAT'S YOUR PROPERTY, ISN'T IT?



BY GEORGE, YES!! I'LL HAVE THEM THROWN OFF AT ONCE!

OH, FATHER...DON'T DO THAT—JUST FOR ME! OF COURSE, THEY MIGHT HIT A BALL THROUGH YOUR WINDOW...





JERRY!
WE WON'T
NEED THIS
ANY
MORE...

YEAH—I
HEARD
THAT YOU
LOST THE
FIELD!

Yih!!!
DON'T
LET 'EM
GET ME!

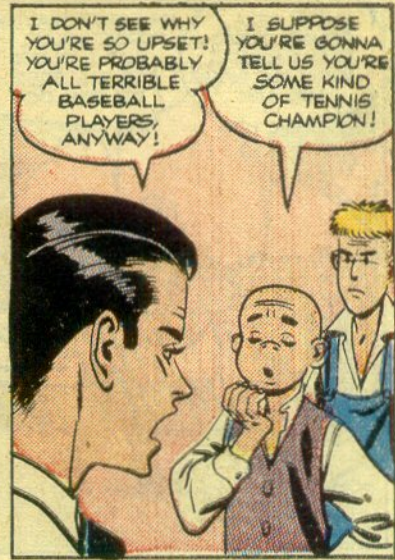
HEY,
GUYS—LOOK
AT WHAT
I SEE!



I'LL
PUSH
THAT
PRETTY
FACE
IN...

DON'T, SLUGGER! HE'S
SCARED STIFF! THERE'S
NO POINT IN FIGHTING
A YELLOW COWARD!

MY FATHER
WILL SUE
YOU!



I DON'T SEE WHY
YOU'RE SO UPSET!
YOU'RE PROBABLY
ALL TERRIBLE
BASEBALL
PLAYERS,
ANYWAY!

I SUPPOSE
YOU'RE GONNA
TELL US YOU'RE
SOME KIND
OF TENNIS
CHAMPION!



AS A MATTER
OF FACT, I WON
THE COUNTRY
CLUB CHAMPION-
SHIP JUST
LAST WEEK!

I SURE WISH I
KNEW HOW TO PLAY!
I'D LIKE TO TAKE
HIM ON!

I USED TO
PLAY A LITTLE
IN PREP
SCHOOL!



YOU DID? OH, BOY! WE'LL CHALLENGE
YOU TO A MATCH! IF JOCK WINS,
WE GET THE FIELD BACK, AND
IF YOU WIN,
YOU CAN HAVE
ALL OUR NEW
EQUIPMENT!
HOW'S THAT?

I HAVEN'T
PLAYED IN
YEARS! I
WOULDN'T
HAVE A
CHANCE!



THAT LITTLE
RUNT SLUGGER
HAS AN IDEA
AT THAT—IT'S
A DEAL!

I'LL BE
RIGHT
WITH YOU
GUYS!



I'M A RUNT,
AM I? I WAS
AFRAID YOU
MIGHT FORGET
TO FINISH
YOUR SUNDAE,
FERDY!

WHAT'RE
YOU...
SPLUFF!!



SO LONG,
FERDY—
SEE YOU
ON THE
COURTS!

THAT WAS
KIND OF A
DIRTY
TRICK,
SLUGGER!

YEAH...
WISH I'D
THOUGHT
OF IT!



YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE BET ALL
THAT EQUIP-
MENT, SLUGGER!
I HAVEN'T
PLAYED IN
YEARS...I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHERE MY
RACKETS
ARE!

WE CAN BUY ONE OUT
OF WHAT'S LEFT FROM
THE TICKET MONEY!
DON'T WORRY, JOCK—
YOU CAN PRACTICE
ALL AFTERNOON!

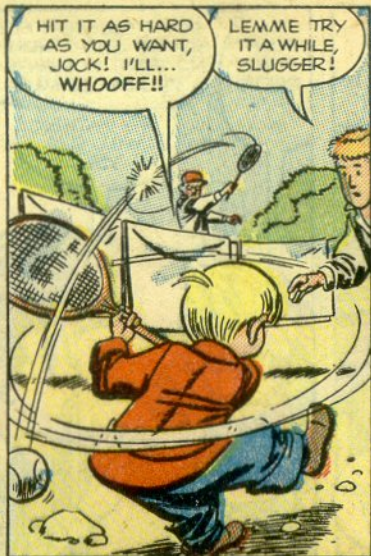
HE'D BETTER!
FERDY IS
PRETTY GOOD,
I HEAR!

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SHOPP



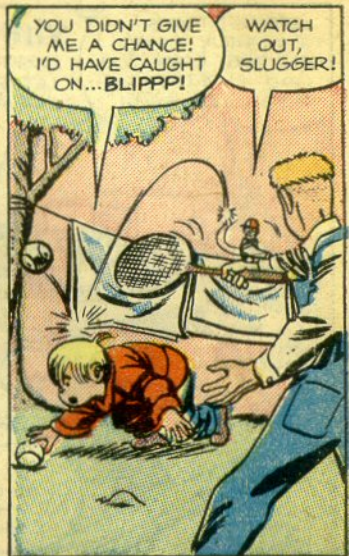
LUCKY YOU FOUND YOUR OLD RACKETS, JOCK! I'LL WARM YOU UP!

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY FOREST HILLS, BUT I GUESS IT'S THE BEST WE CAN DO!



HIT IT AS HARD AS YOU WANT, JOCK! I'LL... WHOOFF!!!

LEMME TRY IT A WHILE, SLUGGER!



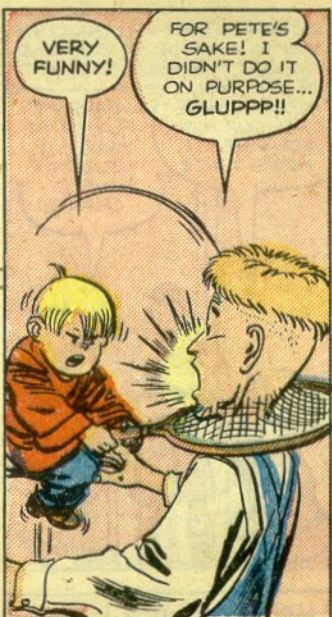
YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME A CHANCE! I'D HAVE CAUGHT ON... BLIPPP!

WATCH OUT, SLUGGER!



HEY!

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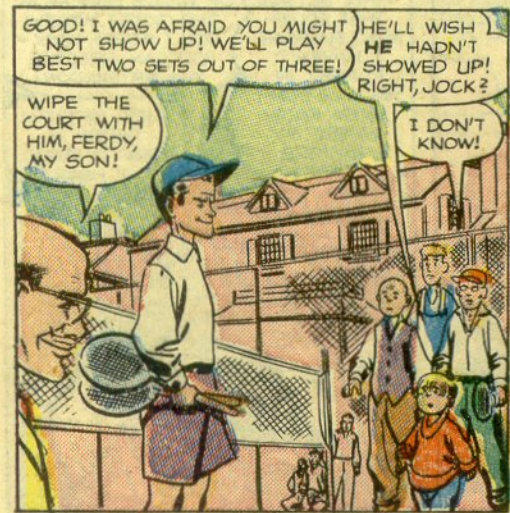
VERY FUNNY!

FOR PETE'S SAKE! I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE... GLUPPPP!!



GEE, I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO LOSE MY TEMPER! I GUESS I'VE RUINED YOUR BEST RACKET!

IT DOESN'T MATTER! IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE MATCH, ANYWAY!



GOOD! I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT NOT SHOW UP! WE'LL PLAY BEST TWO SETS OUT OF THREE!

HE'LL WISH HE HADN'T SHOWED UP! RIGHT, JOCK?

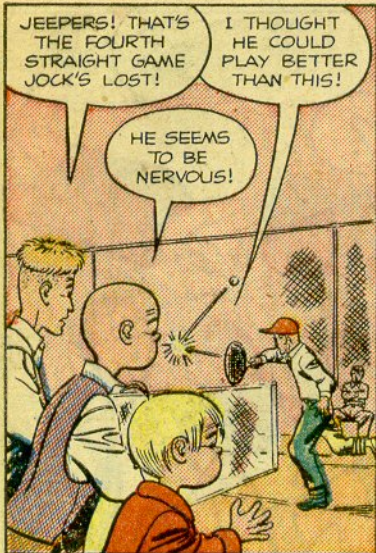
WIPE THE COURT WITH HIM, FERDY, MY SON!

I DON'T KNOW!



GOSH, HE'S TRIMMING YOU! GEE, JOCK! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D LET US DOWN!

SHUT UP, SLUGGER!



JEEPERS! THAT'S THE FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME JOCK'S LOST!

I THOUGHT HE COULD PLAY BETTER THAN THIS!

HE SEEMS TO BE NERVOUS!



I'M SORRY, BOYS! IF YOU HADN'T LOST THE EQUIPMENT, YOU COULD HAVE SOLD IT AND PAID BACK SOME OF THE MONEY, BUT AS IT IS, I HAVE NO CHOICE!



GEE, YOU DIDN'T WIN A GAME THE WHOLE FIRST SET!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOCK? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!

I'M SORRY, FELLAS...



OH, NO! THAT MAKES IT THREE GAMES TO NOTHIN' IN THE SECOND SET!

I GUESS WE CAN SAY GOOD-BY TO THAT EQUIPMENT!



SO LONG, FELLAS! I GUESS WE'RE NOT LUCKY FOR EACH OTHER ANY MORE...

'BYE! I HOPE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOMETIME!



HIYA, JERRY! POOR JOCK IS TAKING AN AWFUL TRIMMIN'! WE'VE LOST OUR FIELD, AND NOW OUR EQUIPMENT!

DON'T FRET, WISE GUNS! I'M COUNSELOR AT THE BOYS' CLUB, AND THEY GAVE ME PERMISSION TO LET YOU USE THEIR FIELD AND THEIR EQUIPMENT! NOW IS THAT BAD?

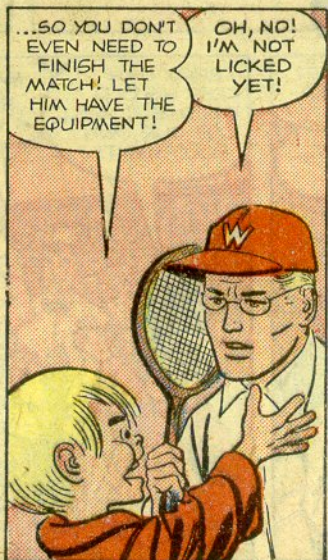
HUH?



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TELL EVERYBODY YOU'VE SOLD TICKETS TO THAT THE FIELD'S CHANGED!

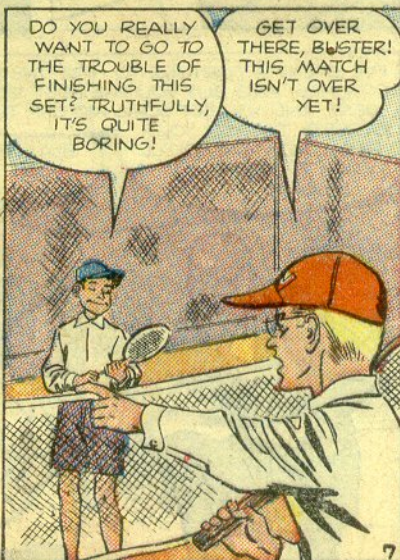
YIPPEE!! OUR WORRIES ARE OVER!

HEY! WHAT'S ALL THE CELEBRATING ABOUT?



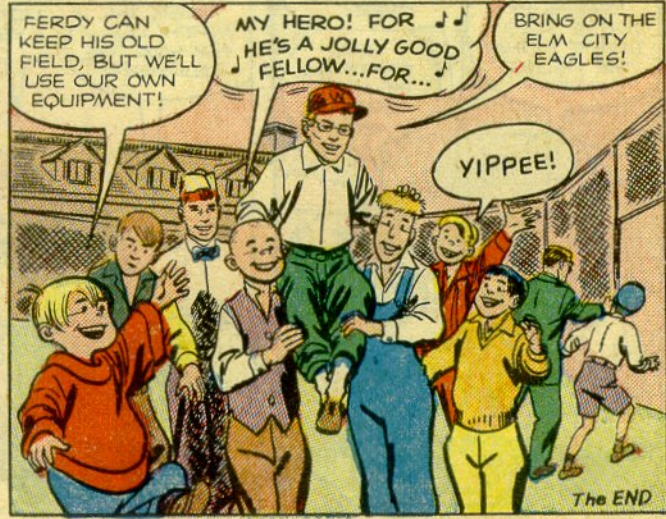
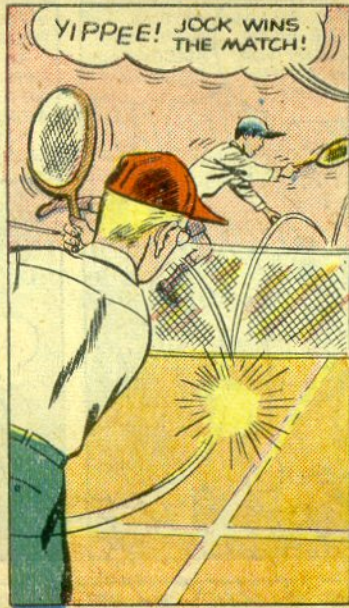
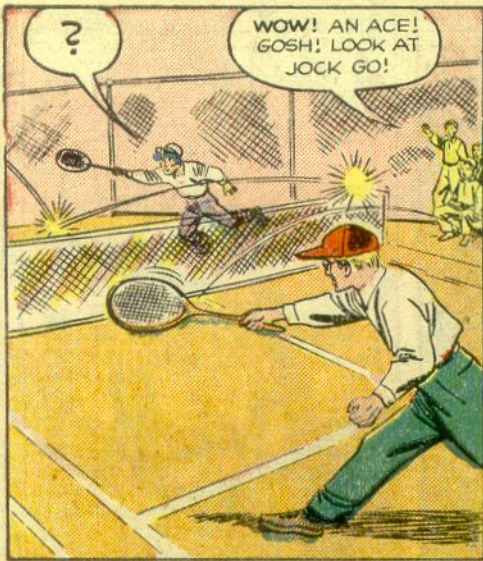
...SO YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO FINISH THE MATCH! LET HIM HAVE THE EQUIPMENT!

OH, NO! I'M NOT LICKED YET!



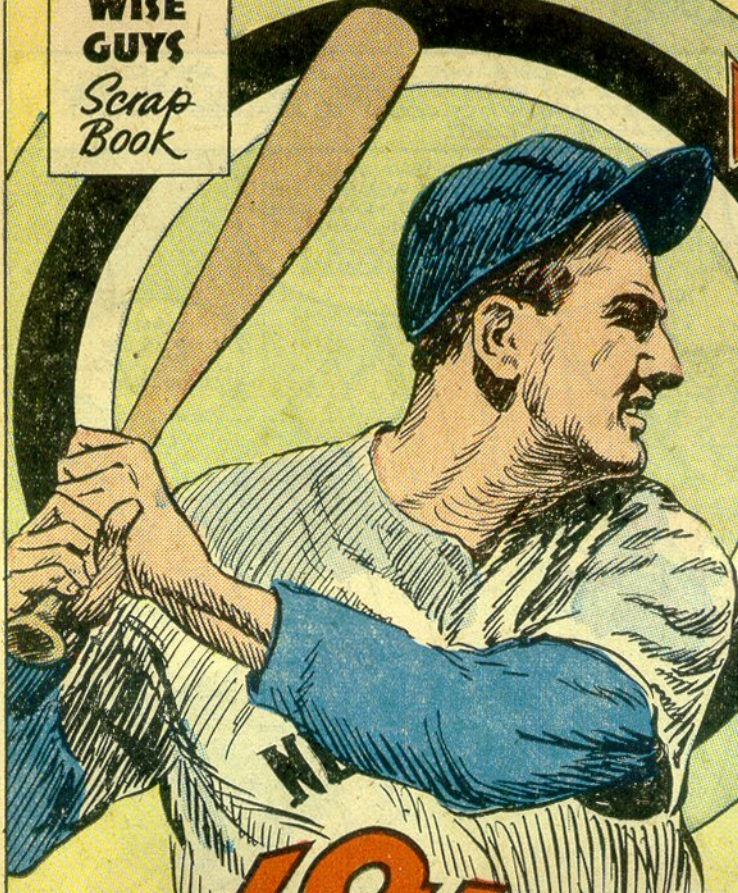
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF FINISHING THIS SET? TRUTHFULLY, IT'S QUITE BORING!

GET OVER THERE, BUSTER! THIS MATCH ISN'T OVER YET!



The
LITTLE
WISE
GUYS
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MORE THAN MUSCLE



GEHRIG WAS BORN IN THE CONGESTED AREA OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE OF NEW YORK CITY! HE ATTENDED THE HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE BEFORE ENTERING COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY THROUGH A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP. IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR, HE QUIT SCHOOL TO SIGN A YANKEE CONTRACT FOR \$1,500! ON JUNE 1, 1925, AGAINST THE WASHINGTON SENATORS, GEHRIG STARTED ON HIS MAGNIFICENT CONSECUTIVE GAME PLAYING STREAK THAT LASTED 14 YEARS!

I THINK THE TIME HAS COME, JOE! AS YOU SAY, LOU!



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LOU GEHRIG

JUNE 19, 1903 — JUNE 2, 1941

THE YANKEE IRON HORSE—A MEMBER OF BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME! HE WAS TRULY A REMARKABLE PLAYER, AND ONE OF THE IMMORTAL GREATS OF OUR NATIONAL PASTIME! LOU FELL VICTIM OF POLIOMYELITIS—BUT WAS NEVER TOLD OF THIS TO THE END! HE WAS LOVED BY ALL—EVEN BY THOSE WHO HAD ONLY HEARD OF HIS NAME!

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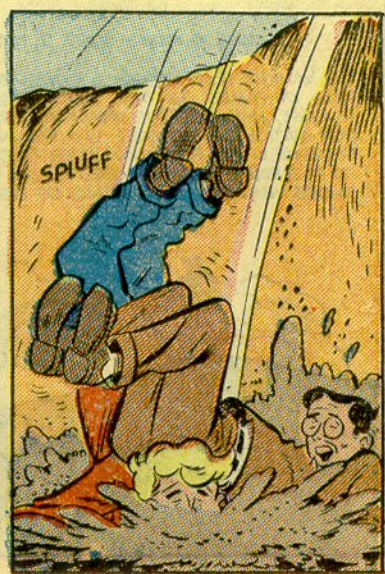
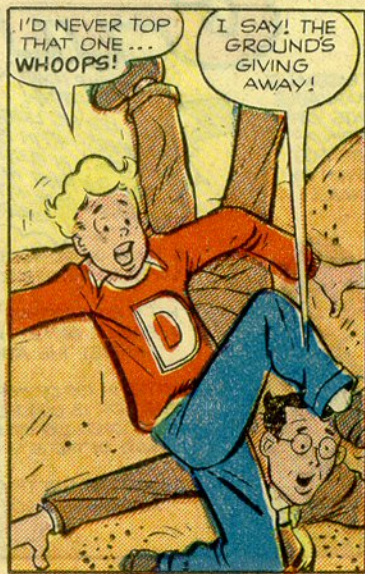
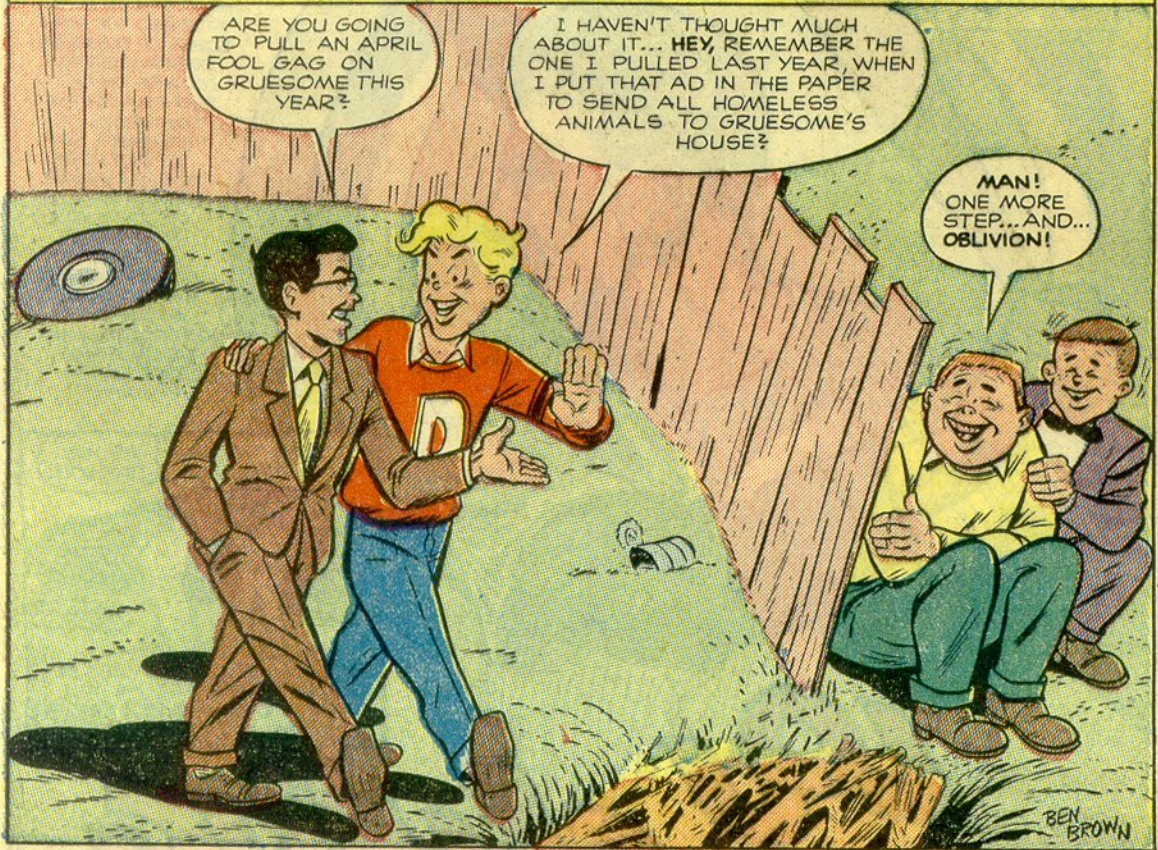
LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE .340!



DILLY DUNCAN

in "APRIL FOOL"

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, DILLY AND GRUESOME JONES HAVE PULLED MANY AN APRIL FOOL GAG ON EACH OTHER AND THEY DON'T SEE ANY REASON TO STOP NOW! BUT WHEN GRUESOME FINDS HIMSELF FACING ARREST, FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, HE REALIZES IT WASN'T AS FUNNY AS HE THOUGHT!



GRUESOME! I SHOULD KNOW THIS WAS ONE OF YOUR MORONIC STUNTS! WE COULDA BEEN KILLED!

YEAH! TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T! IT WAS A GOOD JOKE, ANYWAY! APRIL FOOL!



THAT WASN'T EVEN AN APRIL FOOL GAG, ANYWAY! ONLY A LUNKHEAD LIKE GRUESOME WOULD THINK IT WAS FUNNY!

WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO HIM NOW! SOMETHING BAD!



HEY! THAT POLICEMAN REMINDED ME! YOUR OLD MAN'S A JUDGE, ISN'T HE? LET'S GO DOWN TO HIS OFFICE!

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS, BUT IF IT'S FOR GRUESOME... OKAY! BUT WE'D BETTER CHANGE CLOTHES, FIRST!



OKAY - GET ME A BLANK SUMMONS! WE'RE GONNA SCARE THE PANTS OFF THE BIG APE!

WELL, AS LONG AS WE DON'T DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL! IF THIS DOESN'T HAVE A STATE SEAL, WE CAN'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE!



I'M GONNA SAY HE'S UNDER ARREST FOR DEFACING PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND ATTEMPTED ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND COLLISION!

THAT'S COLLUSION! BUT OTHERWISE, YOU'RE OKAY AND I'LL SERVE IT ON HIM! BOY - I CAN SEE HIS FACE NOW!



IS YOUR NAME GRUESOME JONES? IF SO, THIS IS FOR YOU!

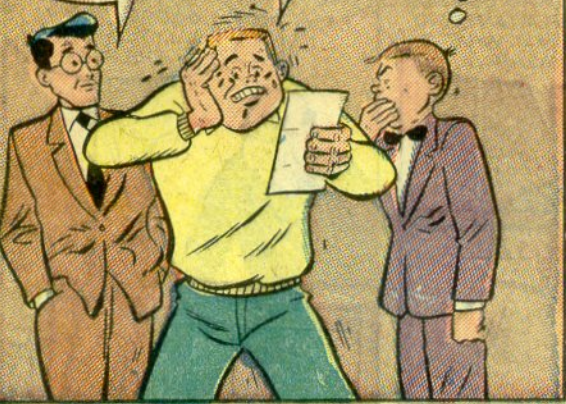
YOU KNOW DARN WELL... YEAH! WHAT IS IT?



IT'S A SUMMONS... READ IT! MY FATHER'S A JUDGE, YOU KNOW! IT'S FROM HIS OFFICE!

I DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'... I'M TOO YOUNG TO GO TO JAIL! I WANT TO LIVE A LITTLE FIRST!

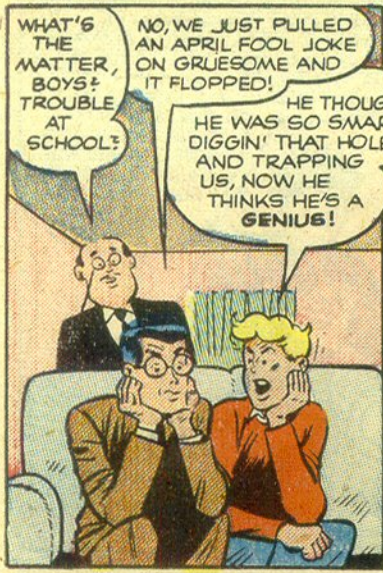
THIS SOUNDS PRETTY FISHY TO ME!



I JUST CHECKED WITH THE COURT, GRUESOME - THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY SUMMONS! IT'S AN APRIL FOOL GAG!

IT IS? AAH! I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME! THEY'LL HAVE TO GET A LOT SMARTER THAN THAT TO FOOL ME!





WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOYS? TROUBLE AT SCHOOL?

NO, WE JUST PULLED AN APRIL FOOL JOKE ON GRUESOME AND IT FLOPPED!

HE THOUGHT HE WAS SO SMART DIGGIN' THAT HOLE AND TRAPPING US, NOW HE THINKS HE'S A GENIUS!



HOLE? WHAT HOLE? WHERE?

THAT OLD VACANT LOT AT THE CORNER OF SPRUCE AND LOWELL!



I OWN THAT PROPERTY! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, DIGGING HOLES IN MY PROPERTY? I'LL HAVE HIM ARRESTED FOR THIS!

W...WAIT A MINUTE, MR. MONTMORENCY... WE DIDN'T WANT TO GET HIM IN ANY REAL TROUBLE!



ARE YOU GRUESOME JONES?

THAT'S ME! ANOTHER SUMMONS, EH? HEH, HEH!

THEY MUST THINK YOU'RE A REAL DOPE!



DILLY MUST BE SLIPPING, THINKING I'D FALL FOR THE SAME GAG TWICE! I GUESS I'VE GOT HIM REALLY BUFFALOED! IT'S HARD TO OUTWIT A REALLY SMART MAN!



LATER...

YOUR NAME IS JONES, ISN'T IT?

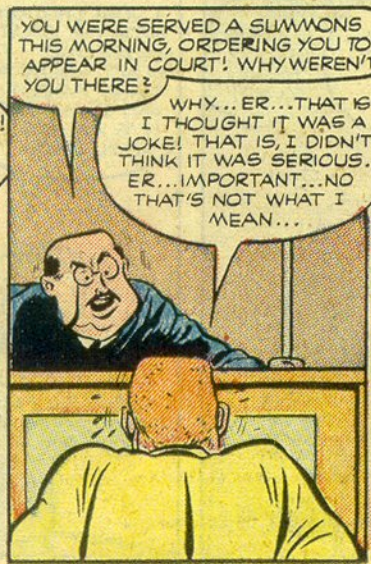
YOU DISOBEYED A SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN COURT THIS MORNING! YOU'RE COMING WITH US!

Y...Y...YES!



BUT...THAT WAS JUST A GAG! DILLY WAS TRYIN' TO PULL AN APRIL FOOL JOKE AND... THIS IS ALL A MISTAKE!

IT'S NO MISTAKE, BUDDY! JUDGE MONTMORENCY, HIMSELF, TOLD US TO BRING YOU IN!



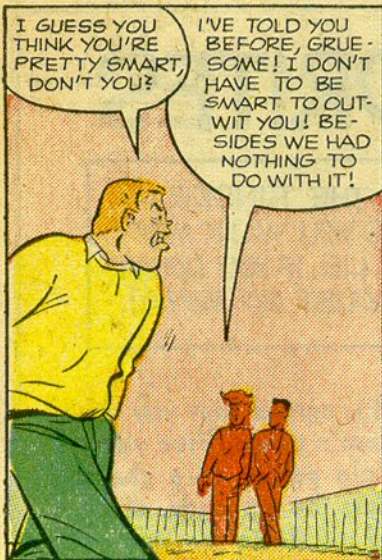
YOU WERE SERVED A SUMMONS THIS MORNING, ORDERING YOU TO APPEAR IN COURT! WHY WEREN'T YOU THERE?

WHY... ER... THAT IS... I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE! THAT IS, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS SERIOUS... ER... IMPORTANT... NO THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...



I HAD INTENDED TO MERELY WARN YOU FOR WILLFULLY DAMAGING PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT NOW I AM FORCED TO FIND YOU IN CONTEMPT OF COURT! YOU ARE SENTENCED TO FIVE DAYS IN JAIL, OR PAY A FIFTEEN DOLLAR FINE!

I GUESS... GULP... I'LL... GULP... PAY THE FINE!



I GUESS YOU THINK YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, DON'T YOU?

I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, GRUESOME! I DON'T HAVE TO BE SMART TO OUTWIT YOU! BESIDES WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!



YEAH? I'LL BET YOU DIDN'T!

WE TRIED TO STOP DAD, BUT HE WAS ANGRY BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE TO HIS PROPERTY, AND WANTED TO WARN YOU!



YEAH? WELL, I WON'T FALL FOR ANOTHER ONE OF... YIIIIII!

HE'S GONNA FALL QUICKER THAN HE THINKS!



HEY, GRAB ME! YOW! WULPFP!

Y'KNOW, MARV, IT'S DANGEROUS - LEAVING HOLES LIKE THAT AROUND! IT OUGHTA BE AGAINST THE LAW!



I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, DUNCAN! I SWEAR I WILL, I'LL TEAR YOU LIMB FROM LIMB, YOU HEEL!

WHY, GRUESOME! SUCH LANGUAGE! I DIDN'T DIG THE HOLE, REMEMBER?



DANG BLAST THIS BLANKETY HOLE! I CAN'T GET A GRIP... AARRGGG!

Y'KNOW, MARV, THIS HASN'T BEEN SUCH A BAD APRIL FOOLS' DAY, AFTER ALL! C'MON, LET'S GO HAVE A SODA!

THE END

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT SOMETHING SINISTER'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU NEXT MONTH WHEN YOU READ DILLY'S NEXT GOOFY ADVENTURE! YOU BETTER GET A BODYGUARD!

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FORTUNE'S FAVORITES

LONESOME MILLIONS IN TREASURES AWAIT THE FINDER. WHEREVER YOU ARE, ONE OF YOUR STEPS AS YOU WALK MAY MARK THE SPOT WHERE UNTOLD RICHES LIE. IF YOU DOUBT THIS POSSIBILITY, READ OF A FEW WHO DOUBT NO MORE!

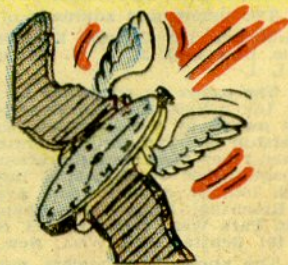
A St. Louis housewife who lost her wrist watch in 1943, agrees that you can never tell what you'll find at a rummage sale or in a woman's purse. Five years after her loss, her mother took one of her daughter's old purses to a church rummage sale, then decided to use it instead to carry home the proceeds, about \$125. Her father helped count the money. When he found a hole in the lining of the purse, he ripped it open. Out tumbled the lost wrist watch.

MONEY PLOW A young farmer struck it rich while plowing on his Washington, Indiana, farm in May, 1949. His plow turned up a wallet containing \$1,400 in currency and a draft registration card. He had lost the wallet four years previously. His bank sent the decaying and molded currency to the United States Treasury which promptly redeemed it.

DARLING OF FATE As an attractive bookkeeper stepped out of a St. Louis office building on her lunch hour, the first thing she saw was a check for the amount of \$2,066 lying on the sidewalk. She returned the check to a firm in the same building. Coming out on the street again she found a wallet which a man had just dropped while climbing out of a car. She returned it to him. On the verge of entering a restaurant three blocks away, she saw a woman's purse which had been left on a newsstand. Having lost half of her lunch hour finding other people's valuables, she ignored the purse.

THE TRAVELLING WATCH

Several years ago a machinist went to Russia with other machinists, for the purpose of showing the Russians how to make automobiles, using American techniques. While riding a trolley car there, someone picked his pockets! Among the missing items was a watch which had been given him as a present by his mother. The following year he returned to America and resumed his work in Detroit. One day in August, three years later, while strolling along a Detroit street, he paused to look in the window of a pawnshop. What he saw caused him to gasp, for there on display was the watch he had lost in Russia. He dashed into the store and asked to see it. On the back was the inscription "To our dear son, on his fifteenth birthday -- Mother and Father." The watch was returned to him and is still in the possession of his family.



THE VALUABLE LINCOLN



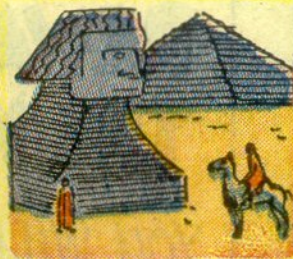
In 1951 a junk dealer in Meriden, Connecticut was on a job cleaning out a house, when he found a bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln apparently being discarded. Thinking it would look nice on his television set at home, he bought the bust for two dollars from the tenants who were moving. A short while later an art expert advised him that the Lincoln bust he had purchased was a valuable piece of art, the work of an early American sculptor. When last heard from, the junk dealer had refused bids which had climbed to a figure of \$15,000.

TREASURE TROVE

While looking through the items offered at a rummage sale, a woman in Glen Cove, New York, spied a large, tattered, unframed, peeling painting among the musty, cast-off items. She paid three dollars, tossed the painting into her truck, and drove home. A year later something about the old painting aroused her curiosity and she decided to seek an expert's opinion. Officials of a well-known museum identified the painting as a 16th Century original. Italian art treasure valued at \$25,000.

FORTUNATE MISHAP

Two peasants who were digging for water in 1944 on the hot desert near the Upper Egyptian town of Akhmim, let out yells of fright when the ground suddenly opened up and swallowed them. Kicking and swearing, the two men fell a distance of about a dozen feet and landed at the bottom of a well-like hole. Their fearful cries however, turned to shouts of joy when they found themselves sitting in the midst of thousands of gold coins. They had accidentally uncovered the tomb of King Mena (3,400 B.C.) and his treasure estimated to be worth \$250,000. Falling into a pile of gold would seem to be fantastic luck, but not for these peasants. They made the mistake of hiding the treasure and were sent to jail when they were caught trying to dispose of the aged coins. Archeologists who later hurried to the scene hailed the discovery as one of the greatest in a decade.




EVIL MONEY



Two women walked into a furniture store in Taylorville, Illinois, and expressed their interest in buying a used couch. One particular couch caught their fancy. While lifting the cushions to examine the springs they saw a knotted handkerchief. Further examination revealed it contained the sum of \$430,000. When the women claimed the money the storekeeper disputed their right to it, inasmuch as the couch was still his property. The argument waxed

hot and heavy, and terminated in court action. The contestants could have saved their energy. A local judge ruled that the money was to be turned over to the estate from which the couch was purchased.



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The LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "UP A MYSTERIOUS TREE"

A LETTER TO THE WISE GUYS:
DEAR WISE GUYS:

I DON'T KNOW WHY I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE ALL SO LOONY! YOU'RE NEVER CONTENT! YOU ARE FOREVER LETTING YOUR AMBITIONS RUN AWAY WITH YOU, LIKE NOW, FOR INSTANCE! YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MUSHROOMS, YOU DROP THAT TO LOOK FOR A SILLY OLD BRASS BAR! DOES THAT SATISFY YOU? NO! YOU DECIDE YOU'D RATHER HUNT A DANGEROUS FUGITIVE! WHEN WILL YOU WISE GUYS SETTLE DOWN AND GIVE OUR NERVES A REST?

Charles Biro

GROWRRRR

WHO GAVE OUT WITH THAT ROAR?

NOT ME!

IT CAME FROM THE TREE!

STORY BY
CHARLES BIRO

HORTON, I'LL PAY YOU \$6,000 FOR YOUR FARM, BUT BEFORE I DO, I WANT YOU TO RECHECK ALL THE SURVEY LINES SO I'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M GETTING!

COME BACK TOMORROW AFTER-NOON, AN' I'LL SHOW YOU THE MARKERS! HAVE THE CASH READY!

ED, I'M BUYING THE OLD HORTON FARM! WILL YOU HAVE \$6,000 IN CASH READY FOR ME WHEN I STOP BY TOMORROW-NOON?

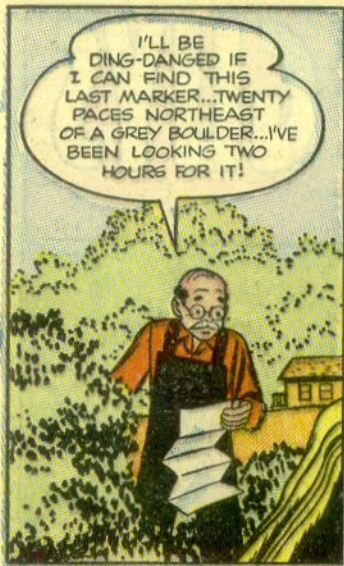
SURE THING, MR. SNOW! LEAVE IT TO OLD HORTON TO WANT A CASH DEAL!

HELLO, SAM! I SEE GUNTHER IS AROUND! LAST I'D HEARD, HE WAS IN JAIL!

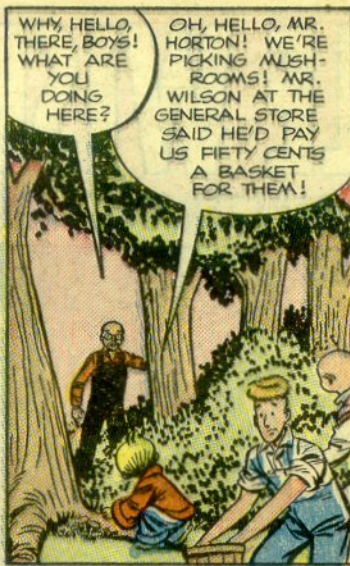
HE'S HERE TO BORROW MONEY! I HATE TO DO IT, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TURN DOWN HIS LOAN! HE'S A BAD RISK!

LOOKS LIKE THE OLD NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE FARM HASN'T EVER BEEN RECHECKED SINCE THIS DEED WAS MADE OUT TO MY GRANDPAPPY NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO! GUESS I'D BETTER GET STARTED LOOKING FOR THOSE OLD BRASS BAR MARKERS IT SPEAKS OF IN THIS DEED!



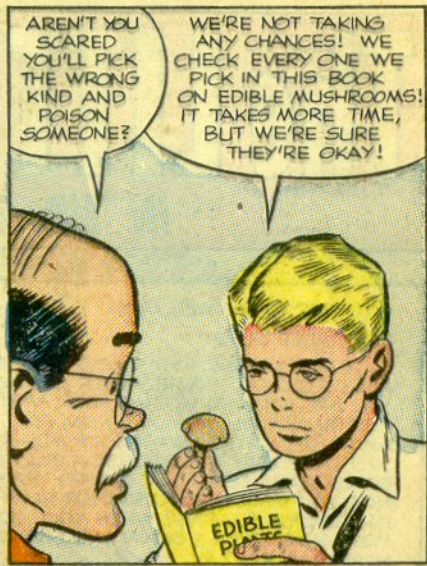


I'LL BE DING-DANGED IF I CAN FIND THIS LAST MARKER...TWENTY PACES NORTHEAST OF A GREY BOULDER...I'VE BEEN LOOKING TWO HOURS FOR IT!



WHY, HELLO, THERE, BOYS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

OH, HELLO, MR. HORTON! WE'RE PICKING MUSH-ROOMS! MR. WILSON AT THE GENERAL STORE SAID HE'D PAY US FIFTY CENTS A BASKET FOR THEM!



AREN'T YOU SCARED YOU'LL PICK THE WRONG KIND AND POISON SOMEONE?

WE'RE NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES! WE CHECK EVERY ONE WE PICK IN THIS BOOK ON EDIBLE MUSHROOMS! IT TAKES MORE TIME, BUT WE'RE SURE THEY'RE OKAY!



TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO- I'LL PAY YOU FIVE DOLLARS IF YOU CAN FIND A BRASS STAKE THAT MARKS THIS CORNER OF MY PROPERTY! THE DESCRIPTION OF IT AND WHERE TO LOOK IS WRITTEN RIGHT HERE IN THIS DEED!

FIVE BUCKS!

OH, BOY!

SURE!



THREE HOURS LATER...

I GIVE UP! IT WOULD BE EASIER TO PICK TEN BASKETS OF MUSH-ROOMS!

MAYBE SOME-ONE DUG UP THE MARKER...OR IT RUSTED AWAY! I'M READY TO GIVE UP!

WAKE ME FOR DINNER!



OH-OH!

IF I KEEP LOOKING AND FIND IT, WOULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR SHARES?

WHY NOT? IF WE COULDN'T FIND IT WITH ALL OF US LOOKING, WHAT CHANCE HAVE YOU GOT?

YOU CAN HAVE OUR SHARE!



OKAY... JUST LOOK RIGHT OVER YOUR HEADS! HA-HA-HA!

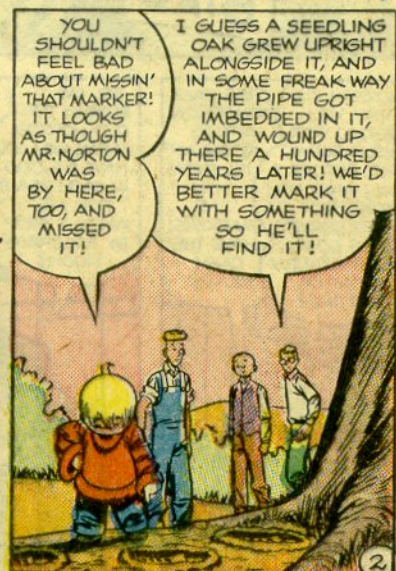
WHY, YOU LITTLE SO- AND-SO!

OF ALL THE SLICK DEALS!



THERE, SMART GUY! YOU FOUND THE MARKER...AND WHEN YOU GET YOURSELF DOWN GO OVER TO MR. HORTON AND COLLECT THE MONEY! C'MON, LET'S GO, GUYS!

NO! WAIT! I WAS ONLY KIDDING! WE'LL ALL SHARE IT TOGETHER! GET ME DOWN FROM HERE!

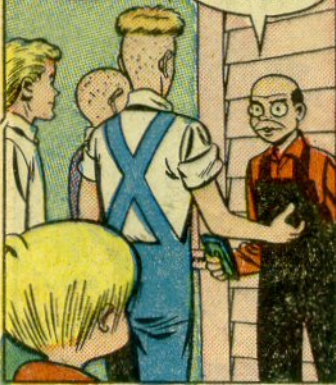


YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL BAD ABOUT MISSIN' THAT MARKER! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MR. NORTON WAS BY HERE, TOO, AND MISSED IT!

I GUESS A SEEDLING OAK GREW UPRIGHT ALONGSIDE IT, AND IN SOME FREAK WAY THE PIPE GOT IMBEDDED IN IT, AND WOUND UP THERE A HUNDRED YEARS LATER! WE'D BETTER MARK IT WITH SOMETHING SO HE'LL FIND IT!

WE MARKED THE PIPE BY PUTTIN' SLUGGER'S HANDKERCHIEF ON IT, SO YOU WON'T MISS IT, MR. HORTON!

FINE, BOYS! HERE'S YOUR MONEY! IMAGINE THAT PIPE WINDING UP, IN A TREE, THAT BEATS ALL!



THOUGHT THOSE PESTY KIDS WOULD NEVER CLEAR OUT FROM UNDER THIS TREE!



WANT TO GET UP HERE WHERE I CAN GET A GOOD VIEW OF HORTON'S PLACE! IMAGINE HIM GETTING \$6,000 CASH FROM SNOW! HE DON'T NEED THE MONEY AS MUCH AS I DO!

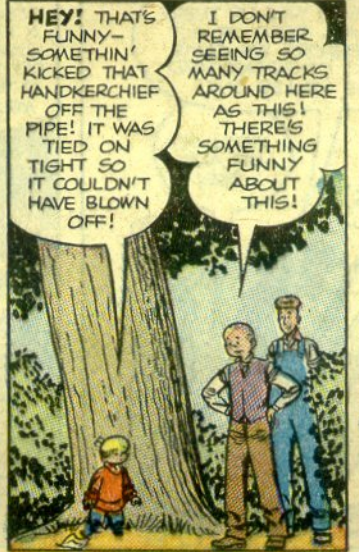


DARN THOSE KIDS COMIN' BACK THIS WAY! CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE 'EM SEE ME HANGIN' AROUND HERE!



HEY! THAT'S FUNNY-SOMETHIN'-SOMETHIN' KICKED THAT HANDKERCHIEF OFF THE PIPE! IT WAS TIED ON TIGHT SO IT COULDN'T HAVE BLOWN OFF!

I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING SO MANY TRACKS AROUND HERE AS THIS! THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS!



THOSE TRACKS COULDN'T BE MR. HORTON'S BECAUSE NONE OF THEM LEAD AWAY FROM THE TREE!

MAYBE HE WALKED AWAY BACKWARD...

DON'T GET FUNNY! WHAT WOULD HE DO THAT FOR? SOMEONE IS UP THERE AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO!



AREN'T YOU SCARED? I MEAN IF SOMEONE IS UP THERE, WHY DON'T THEY SAY, "HELLO"?

MAYBE IT'S A TRAINED BEAR WEARIN' SHOES!

HEY, YOU UP THERE!



I SEE SOMETHING UP THERE LIKE... A BOARD!

I'VE GOT TO SCARE 'EM OFF!



GROWWRRRRRR...

HELP! WHAT'S THAT?

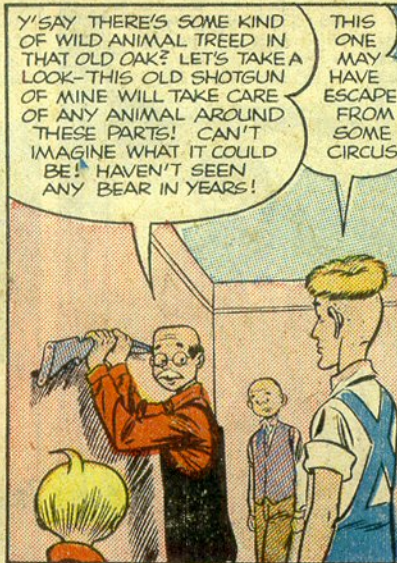
A...A BEAR!





LEAVE ME OUT OF HERE! THAT WAS A WILD ANIMAL... MAYBE A MOUNTAIN LION...

A LEAST A BEAR...GOSH, LET'S GO WARN MR. HORTON!



Y' SAY THERE'S SOME KIND OF WILD ANIMAL TRED IN THAT OLD OAK? LET'S TAKE A LOOK-THIS OLD SHOTGUN OF MINE WILL TAKE CARE OF ANY ANIMAL AROUND THESE PARTS! CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT COULD BE! HAVEN'T SEEN ANY BEAR IN YEARS!

THIS ONE MAY HAVE ESCAPED FROM SOME CIRCUS!



WHATEVER'S UP THERE HAD BETTER SING OUT BY THE TIME I COUNT THREE OR I'LL SHOOT! ONE... TWO...THREE...

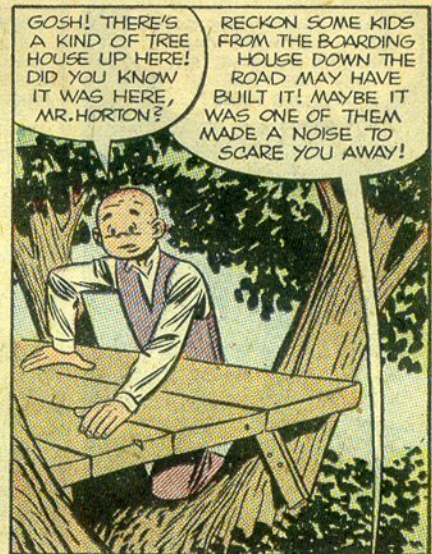


BAM!



WHATEVER WAS UP THERE IS EITHER DEAD OR GOT AWAY BEFORE WE CAME BACK! OTHERWISE HE'D HAVE YELLED OUT!

WE'LL GO UP AND SEE!



GOSH! THERE'S A KIND OF TREE HOUSE UP HERE! DID YOU KNOW IT WAS HERE, MR. HORTON?

RECKON SOME KIDS FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE DOWN THE ROAD MAY HAVE BUILT IT! MAYBE IT WAS ONE OF THEM MADE A NOISE TO SCARE YOU AWAY!



BOY, IT'S NEAT UP THERE! YOU CAN SEE ALL OVER! WOULD YOU MIND IF WE PICNICKED IN THE TREE AFTER WE FINISH PICKIN' MORE MUSHROOMS? IT WOULD BE FUN UP ON THAT PLATFORM!

YOU SURE CAN, BOYS! GO AHEAD!



HELLO THERE! HELLO, MR. HORTON! I'M HERE TO CLOSE THAT DEAL!

OH-OH- THAT'S MR. SNOW! EXCUSE ME, BOYS!



I'VE GOT THE BOUNDARIES ALL RE-CHECKED! TURNS OUT THERE'S A GOOD TWO ACRES MORE THAN I KNEW I HAD UP THERE BY THE WOOD-LOT! YOU'RE GETTING A GOOD BUY!

GOOD! THEN WE CAN SETTLE EVERYTHING RIGHT AWAY! I BROUGHT THE CASH WITH ME!

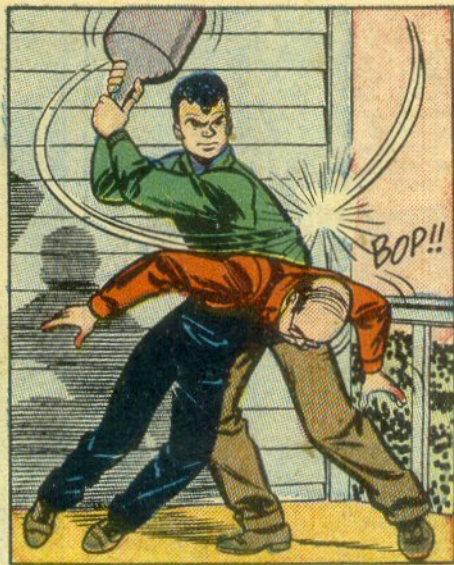


DON'T HURRY ABOUT MOVING OUT! I WON'T BE WANTING POSSESSION UNTIL LATE SUMMER!

ALL RIGHT— THANKS, MR. SNOW!



IT'S GOING TO SEEM STRANGE MOVIN' OFF THE OLD HOMESTEAD... STILL I'VE FARMED LONG ENOUGH... DO ME GOOD TO RETIRE AN' TAKE LIFE EASY!



I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT HIM SO HARD... I HOPE HE AIN'T DEAD... ALL I WANTED WAS HIS MONEY!



THERE'S SOMEONE COMIN'! CAN'T RISK BEIN' SEEN!



I SHOULD'VE DRAGGED HORTON INSIDE WHERE HE WOULDN'T BE FOUND SO SOON! NOW THEY'LL BE RAISIN' A HUE AND CRY! I CAN'T GET BACK TO MY PLACE WITHOUT BEIN' SEEN!

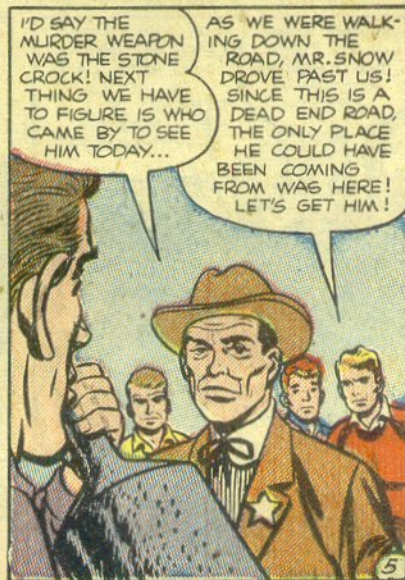


I'LL HIDE UP HERE TILL DARK! THEN I CAN SNEAK DOWN TO THE FREIGHT YARDS AND GET AWAY! I WAS SMART TELLIN' THEM AT THE BANK I WAS LEAVIN' TOWN! THEY'LL THINK I LEFT BEFORE HORTON WAS ROBBED!



THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT TO ME! THERE'S NO WAY HORTON COULD'VE STRUCK HIS HEAD THIS HARD BY FALLIN'! SOMEBODY ATTACKED HIM!

...AND HE'S DEAD! WE'D BETTER CALL THE SHERIFF!



I'D SAY THE MURDER WEAPON WAS THE STONE CROCK! NEXT THING WE HAVE TO FIGURE IS WHO CAME BY TO SEE HIM TODAY...

AS WE WERE WALKING DOWN THE ROAD, MR. SNOW DROVE PAST US! SINCE THIS IS A DEAD END ROAD, THE ONLY PLACE HE COULD HAVE BEEN COMING FROM WAS HERE! LET'S GET HIM!



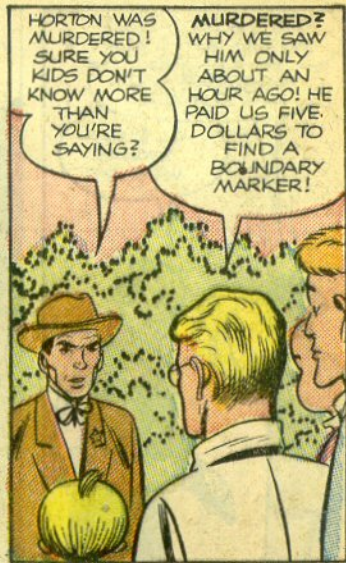
WHY WOULD I KILL HORTON? I JUST PAID HIM \$6,000 CASH FOR HIS PLACE ABOUT AN HOUR AGO! IT MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE WHO ROBBED HIM OF THAT MONEY!

HMM...SINCE NOBODY ELSE PASSED YOU, THAT MEANS THE MURDERER COULD STILL BE HIDING AROUND THESE PARTS! LET'S START SEARCHING!



HEY, YOU KIDS! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WE'RE GOING TO PICNIC UP IN A TREE PLATFORM OVER WHERE THAT BIG OAK TREE IS! MR. HORTON TOLD US WE COULD!



HORTON WAS MURDERED! SURE YOU KIDS DON'T KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE SAYING?

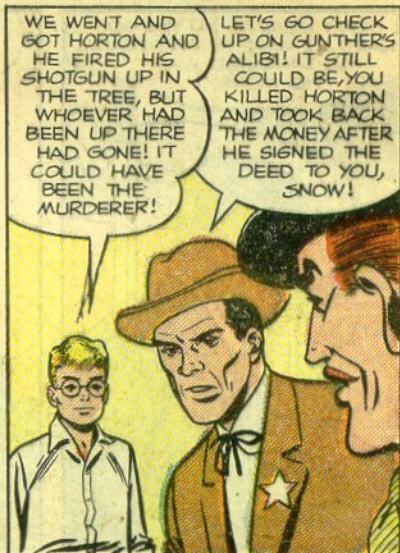
MURDERED? WHY WE SAW HIM ONLY ABOUT AN HOUR AGO! HE PAID US FIVE DOLLARS TO FIND A BOUNDARY MARKER!



IT'S NOT THESE BOYS, SHERIFF! IT'S SOMEONE WHO KNEW I WAS PAYING NORTON CASH FOR HIS PLACE TODAY...THERE WAS THE BANK TELLER...AND...AND... GUNTHER! GUNTHER WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME! HE COULD'VE HEARD ME...



THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE AROUND HERE EARLIER! SOMEONE WEARING CLEATED SHOES...SEE? WE THOUGHT THEY WERE MR. HORTON'S PRINTS AT FIRST, BUT HE WAS WEARING PLAIN SOLES! WHOEVER IT WAS TRIED TO SCARE US BY PRETENDING TO BE A WILD ANIMAL UP THERE!



WE WENT AND GOT HORTON AND HE FIRED HIS SHOTGUN UP IN THE TREE, BUT WHOEVER HAD BEEN UP THERE HAD GONE! IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE MURDERER!

LET'S GO CHECK UP ON GUNTHER'S ALIBI! IT STILL COULD BE YOU, YOU KILLED HORTON AND TOOK BACK THE MONEY AFTER HE SIGNED THE DEED TO YOU, SNOW!



NEVER! WHY WOULD I DO THAT? HORTON WAS MY FRIEND!

WE'LL SEE! NOW LET'S GO BACK... YOU BOYS CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE! IF I NEED YOU, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!



I DON'T HAVE MUCH APPETITE FOR A PICNIC ANY MORE! POOR MR. HORTON!

MAYBE IF THE MURDERER IS STILL AROUND AND HIDING, WE MIGHT SPOT HIM FROM THAT PLATFORM! YOU GET A GOOD VIEW OF THE WHOLE FARM FROM THERE!



I HAVE A HUNCH THE MURDERER IS STILL AROUND! WHAT DO YOU SAY WE STAY HERE ALL NIGHT AND KEEP WATCH? THE MOON IS FULL SO THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF LIGHT!

RIGHT- WE CAN TAKE TURNS STANDING WATCH!

ONLY A FEW MORE MINUTES AND MY WATCH WILL BE OVER! IT'S NEARLY MIDNIGHT! MAYBE OUR HUNCH WAS WRONG! NOBODY'D HIDE OUT THIS LONG!



I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER...GOTTA CATCH THAT ONE'O'CLOCK FREIGHT! IF I CAN JUST SLIP PAST, I WON'T HURT 'EM...BUT IF THEY WAKE UP, I'LL HAFTA USE THIS KNIFE!



WHA...?



BELLY LAUGHS

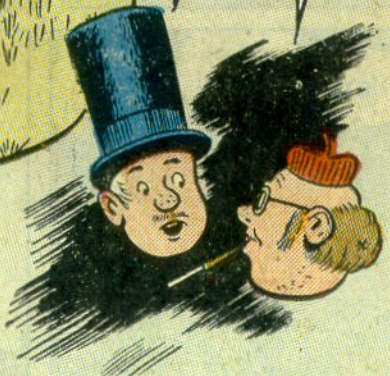


WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING TO LEARN ABOUT FARMING, MRS. LINGO?

GETTING UP AT FIVE A.M.!

HAVE ANY BIG MEN EVER BEEN BORN IN HOLLYWOOD?

NO— ONLY LITTLE BABIES!



SAY, HOW DO YOU FIND THE MOSQUITOES OUT HERE?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO! THEY FIND YOU!



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS, ARTHUR?

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE!

NOTHING!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET!



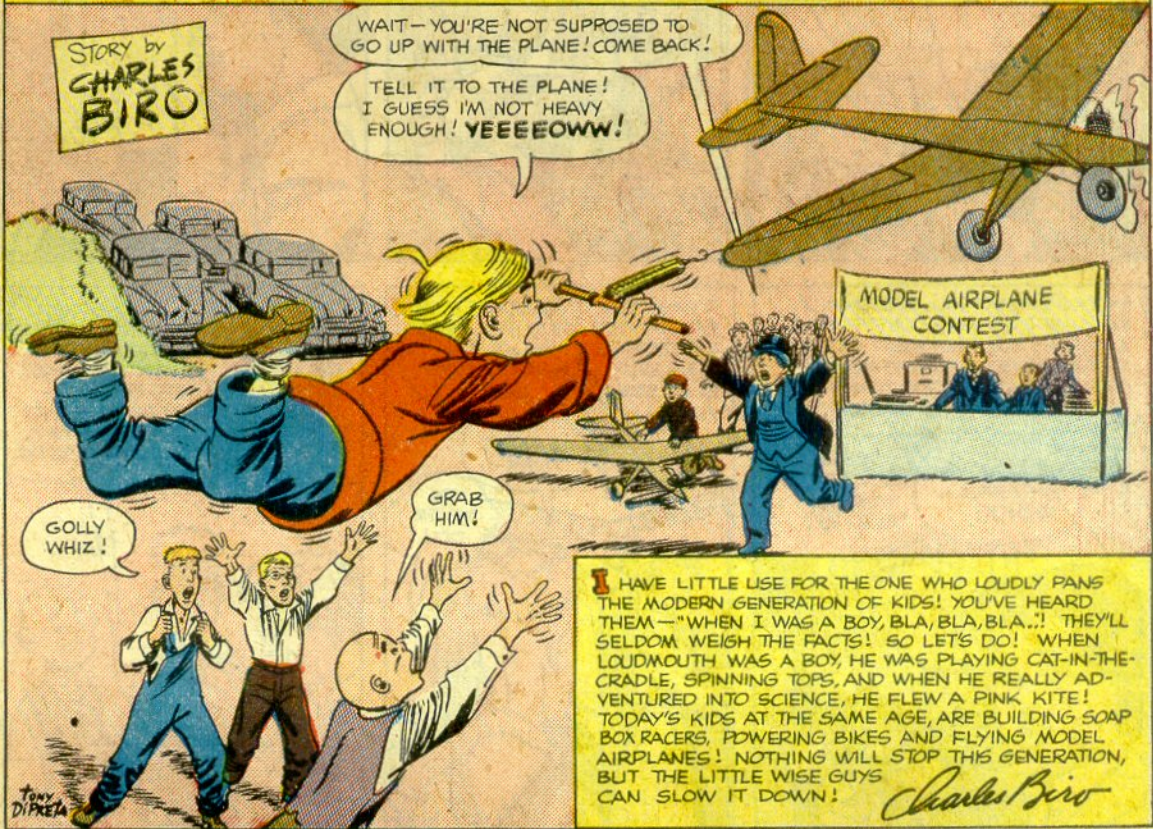
the LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "WISE GUYS VERSUS GRAVITY"

STORY by
CHARLES BIRO

WAIT—YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO UP WITH THE PLANE! COME BACK!

TELL IT TO THE PLANE!
I GUESS I'M NOT HEAVY ENOUGH! **YEEEEOWW!**



GOLLY WHIZ!

GRAB HIM!

I HAVE LITTLE USE FOR THE ONE WHO LOUDLY PANS THE MODERN GENERATION OF KIDS! YOU'VE HEARD THEM—"WHEN I WAS A BOY, BLA, BLA, BLA..."! THEY'LL SELDOM WEIGH THE FACTS! SO LET'S DO! WHEN LOUDMOUTH WAS A BOY, HE WAS PLAYING CAT-IN-THE-CRADLE, SPINNING TOPS, AND WHEN HE REALLY ADVENTURED INTO SCIENCE, HE FLEW A PINK KITE! TODAY'S KIDS AT THE SAME AGE, ARE BUILDING SOAP BOX RACERS, POWERING BIKES AND FLYING MODEL AIRPLANES! NOTHING WILL STOP THIS GENERATION, BUT THE LITTLE WISE GUYS CAN SLOW IT DOWN!

Charles Biro

HEY, SNOOKIE! AREN'T YOU COMIN' TO PRACTICE TODAY?

I'M SORRY, FELLAS, BUT I'VE GOTTA FINISH MY PLANE BEFORE THE CONTEST TOMORROW! I'LL PLAY WITH YOU NEXT WEEK!

IT SURE IS A BEAUTY!

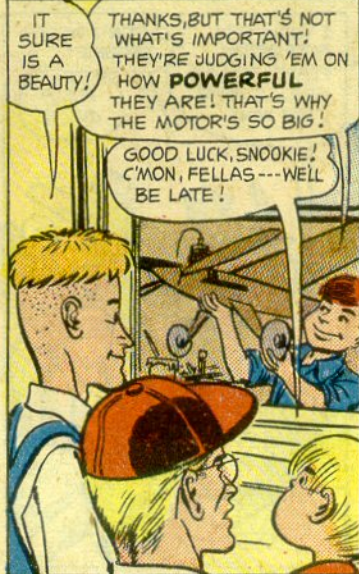
THANKS, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S IMPORTANT! THEY'RE JUDGING 'EM ON HOW **POWERFUL** THEY ARE! THAT'S WHY THE MOTOR'S SO BIG!

GOOD LUCK, SNOOKIE! C'MON, FELLAS---WE'LL BE LATE!

THAT NIGHT...

FOR GOODNESS SAKE, SNOOKIE--IT'S AFTER ONE! BRR--IT'S COLD IN HERE! YOU'LL CATCH YOUR DEATH OF COLD. GET TO BED!

I J--JUST FINISHED, M-MOM! SHE'S B-BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T SHE? IT'S THE BEST I EVER D-DID!!





IT'S SURE A NICE DAY FOR SNOOKIE'S CONTEST!

WHY DON'T WE GO OVER AND WATCH?

WE'VE GOT A GAME TODAY, YOU KNUCKLE-HEAD! WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE TAPIN' THAT BAT FOR?



OH, YEAH... I FORGOT ...OOOH! WHAT?

OH, NO!! WHY, YOU LIMP-BRAINED LUMMOX! WHY DON'T YOU LOOK WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

HOLD IT! SOMEBODY'S AT THE DOOR!

KNOCK KNOCK



SNOOKIE'S VERY SICK, BOYS. HE STAYED UP LATE WORKING ON THE PLANE, AND GOT A SERIOUS CHILL, AND IT'S TURNED INTO PNEUMONIA! I CAME TO YOU BECAUSE HE LIKES YOU SO MUCH!

HOW CAN WE HELP, MRS. PETERS?



SNOOKIE'S HEART WILL BE BROKEN IF HIS PLANE ISN'T IN THE CONTEST, AND I THOUGHT YOU BOYS MIGHT ENTER IT FOR HIM. HE'S APPROACHING THE CRISIS, AND THE DOCTOR THINKS IT MIGHT HELP PULL HIM THROUGH...

WE'VE GOT A BASEBALL... OOFF!

SURE, MRS. PETERS! WE'D BE GLAD TO!



I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP TO MY SON.

GOLLY, MRS. PETERS, WE'D HAVE ASKED YOU IF YOU HADN'T ASKED US!

I DIDN'T THINK ...

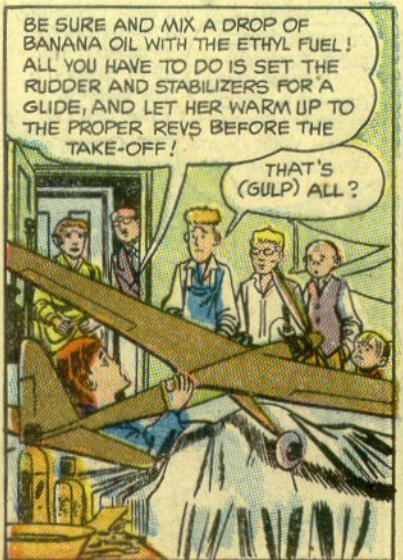
YOU NEVER DO!



I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT SUCH LARGE, POWERFUL PLANES! DO YOU?

ME? GOSH, NO!

ME NEITHER! C'MON, LET'S GO OVER AND GET THE PLANE! WITH SNOOKIE'S INSTRUCTIONS AND OUR BRAINS WE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO.



BE SURE AND MIX A DROP OF BANANA OIL WITH THE ETHYL FUEL! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SET THE RUDDER AND STABILIZERS FOR A GLIDE, AND LET HER WARM UP TO THE PROPER REVS BEFORE THE TAKE-OFF!

THAT'S (GULP) ALL?



I THINK IT'S A TERRIFIC PLANE, FELLAS. GEE... I HOPE YOU WIN!

D-DON'T WORRY, SNOOKIE!

IT'S A CINCH!



WELL-- WE MIGHT AS WELL GET THERE! THE CONTEST STARTS IN A HALF HOUR!

I WISH I WAS HALF AS CONFIDENT AS I MADE OUT IN FRONT OF SNOOKIE!

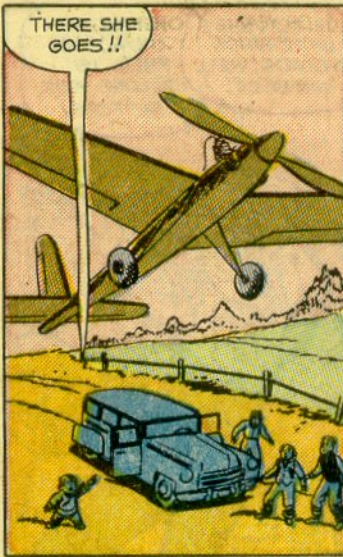
DON'T WE ALL!



KEEP AN EYE ON IT, SCARECROW!
IS IT STILL SAFE AND SOUND?

DANCING
GUMDROPS!
IT'S GONE!

WHAT?
STOP THE
CAR!



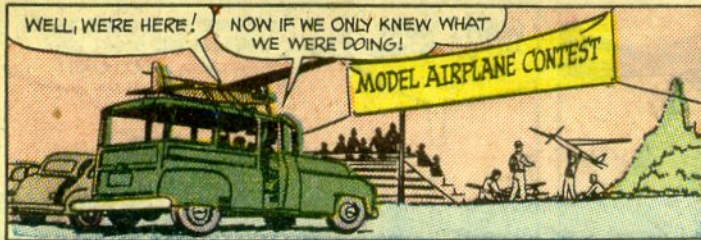
THERE SHE
GOES !!



LOOK!
SHE'S
MAKIN'
A PERFECT
THREE POINT
LANDING!

GEE! I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
HOW...

YOU NEVER
UNDERSTAND
ANYTHING! WHY
DON'T YOU QUIT
TRYIN'?



WELL, WE'RE HERE!

NOW IF WE ONLY KNEW WHAT
WE WERE DOING!

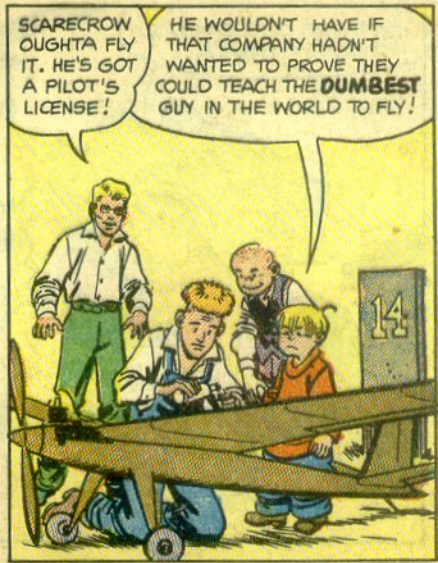
MODEL AIRPLANE CONTEST



THIS IS SNOOKIE
PETERS' PLANE!

PETERS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO SPACE #14! GET
YOUR PLANE IN THE AIR, AND WE'LL BE AROUND WITH
THE OFFICIAL SCALE TO SEE HOW MUCH POWER
THE PLANE'S GOT!

ENTER
YOUR
PLANES
HERE!



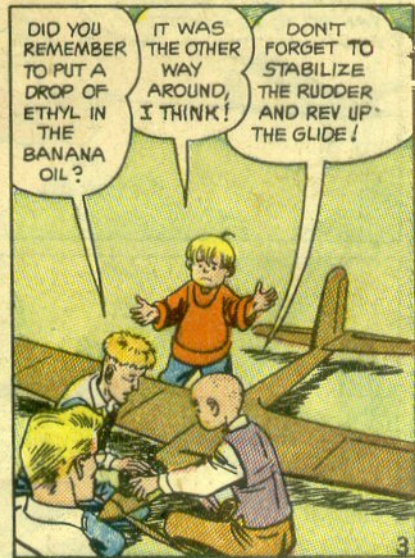
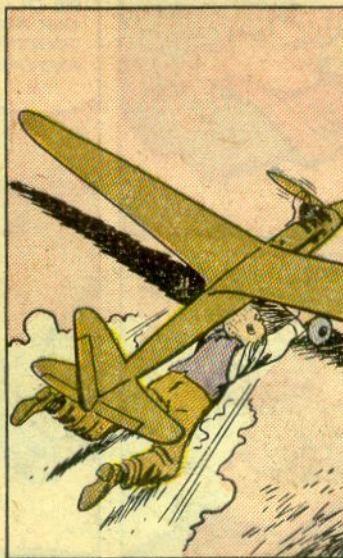
SCARECROW
OUGHTA FLY
IT. HE'S GOT
A PILOT'S
LICENSE!

HE WOULDN'T HAVE IF
THAT COMPANY HADN'T
WANTED TO PROVE THEY
COULD TEACH THE **DUMBEST**
GUY IN THE WORLD TO FLY!



SHE'S GOIN'
UP!

SHE'S GOIN'
DOWN, TOO!



DID YOU
REMEMBER
TO PUT A
DROP OF
ETHYL IN
THE
BANANA
OIL?

IT WAS
THE OTHER
WAY
AROUND,
I THINK!

DON'T
FORGET TO
STABILIZE
THE RUDDER
AND REV UP
THE GLIDE!



SHE'S GOIN' PRETTY GOOD NOW!

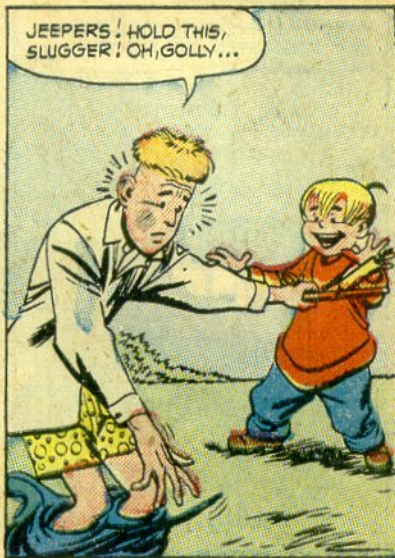
THE BEST PULL SO FAR IS FIFTY-ONE POUNDS!

OURS IS ONLY THIRTY-TWO!



OH, BOY! SHE'S UP TO SIXTY POUNDS! WE'LL WIN EASY!

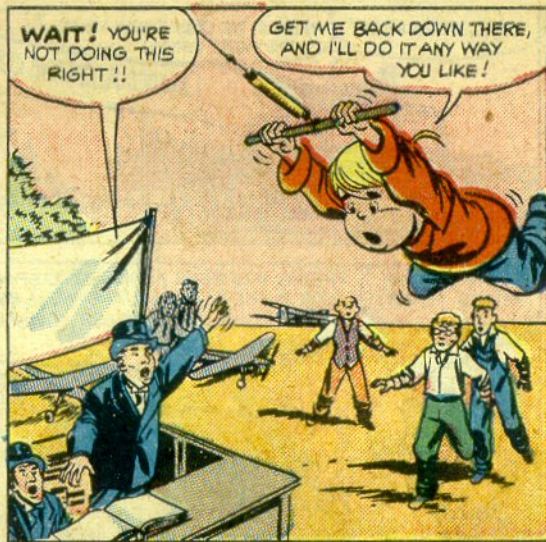
HEY, SCARECROW! THE PULL IS PULLING YOUR BUTTONS!



JEEPERS! HOLD THIS, SLUGGER! OH, GOLLY...



I'M TAKING OFF! GRAB ME, SOMEBODY! QUICK!!

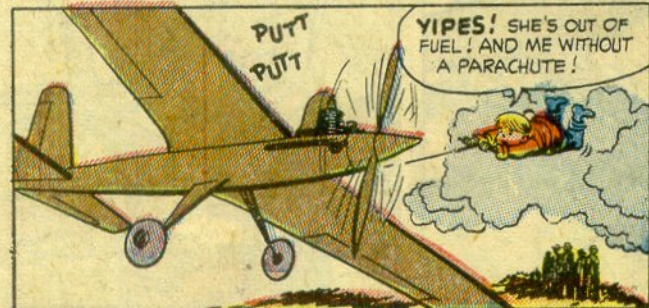


WAIT! YOU'RE NOT DOING THIS RIGHT!!

GET ME BACK DOWN THERE, AND I'LL DO IT ANY WAY YOU LIKE!

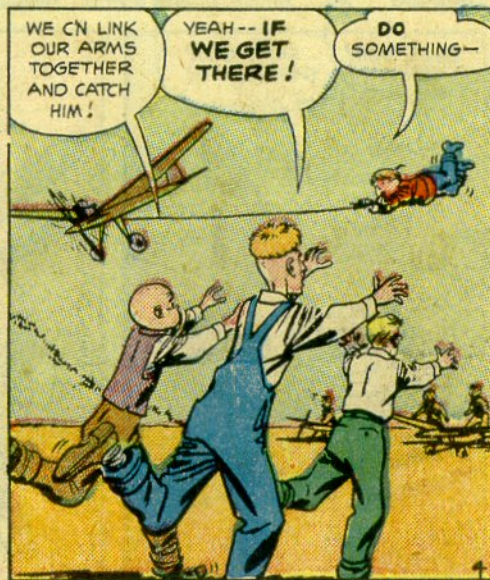


JEEPERS! AND I THOUGHT I WANTED TO BE A PILOT.



PUTT PUTT

YIPES! SHE'S OUT OF FUEL! AND ME WITHOUT A PARACHUTE!



WE CAN LINK OUR ARMS TOGETHER AND CATCH HIM!

YEAH-- IF WE GET THERE!

DO SOMETHING--



YOWPP!!!

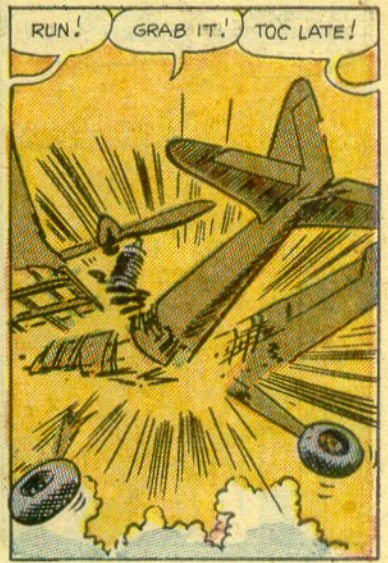


OOFF!!

WULPP!!

YAHOO! YOU'RE ALIVE BUT LOOK AT THE PLANE!

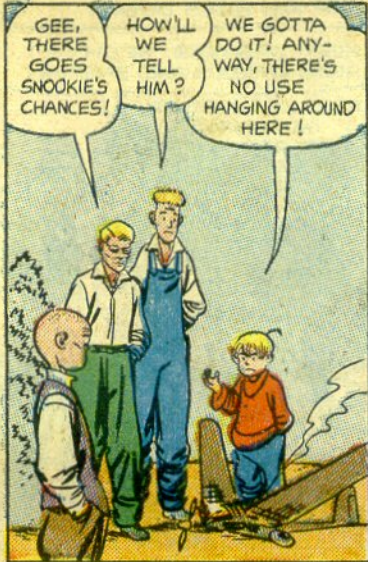
GUESS WHAT? I'M ALIVE!



RUN!

GRAB IT!

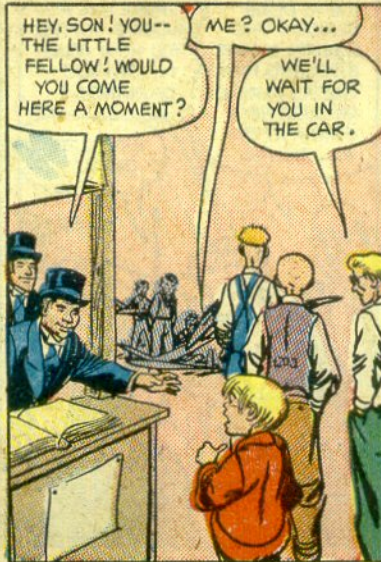
TOO LATE!



GEE, THERE GOES SNOOKIE'S CHANCES!

HOW'LL WE TELL HIM?

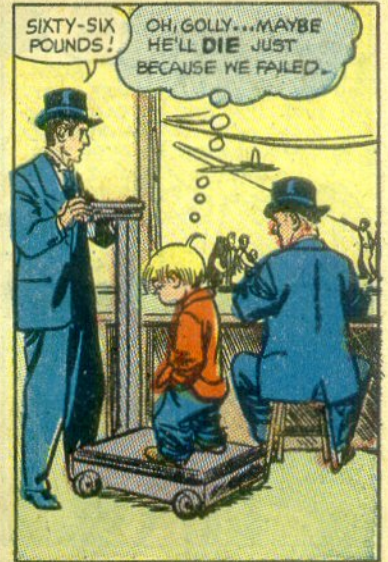
WE GOTTA DO IT! ANYWAY, THERE'S NO USE HANGING AROUND HERE!



HEY, SON! YOU-- THE LITTLE FELLOW! WOULD YOU COME HERE A MOMENT?

ME? OKAY...

WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU IN THE CAR.



SIXTY-SIX POUNDS!

OH, GOLLY...MAYBE HE'LL DIE JUST BECAUSE WE FAILED...



WHAT'D THEY WANT?

NOTHIN'!

WE MIGHT AS WELL GO TELL SNOOKIE, I GUESS! THIS'S GONNA BE AWFUL TOUGH!



I'M SORRY, MRS. PETERS! WE DID OUR BEST BUT...

IT WAS MOSTLY MY FAULT...

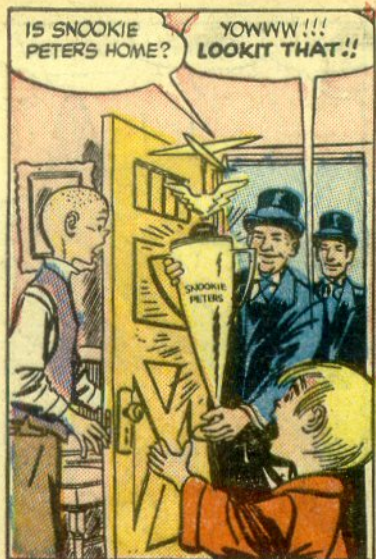
IT'S NOT ONE PERSON'S FAULT-- WE JUST DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT MODEL PLANES!



P--POOR SNOOKIE! HE'LL BE BROKEN-HEARTED!

WE'VE GOT TO KEEP HIM FROM KNOWING--AT LEAST UNTIL THE CRISIS HAS PASSED!

I'LL GET IT!



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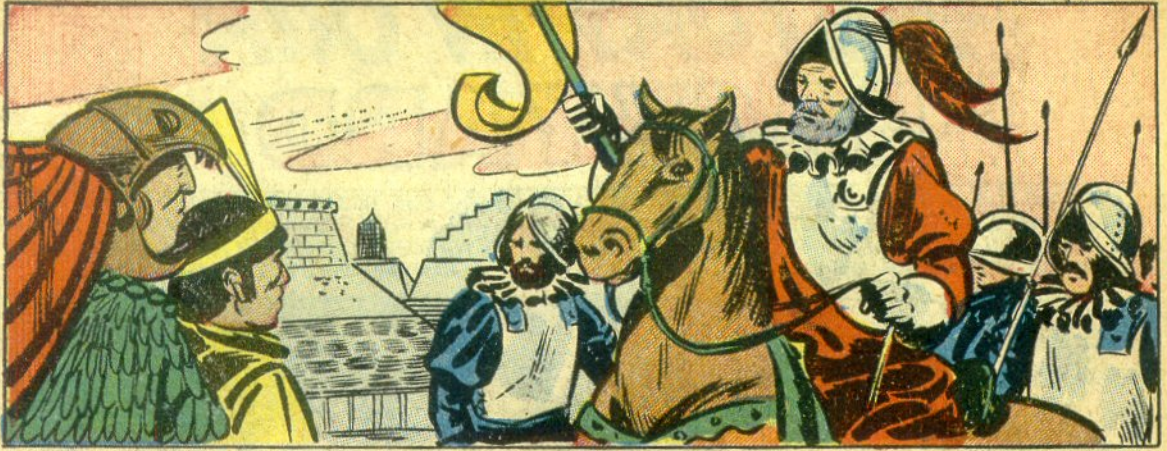
AZTEC PRISONERS OF WAR COULD GAIN THEIR FREEDOM BY BESTING FIVE WARRIORS IN COMBAT! HIS CHANCES WERE VERY SLIM...



YET FIGHTING AND RELIGION WERE THE PRINCIPAL AZTEC PURSUITS! THE WARRIOR PRAYS TO HIS WAR GOD "HUITZILOPOCHTLI" FOR VICTORY IN BATTLE!



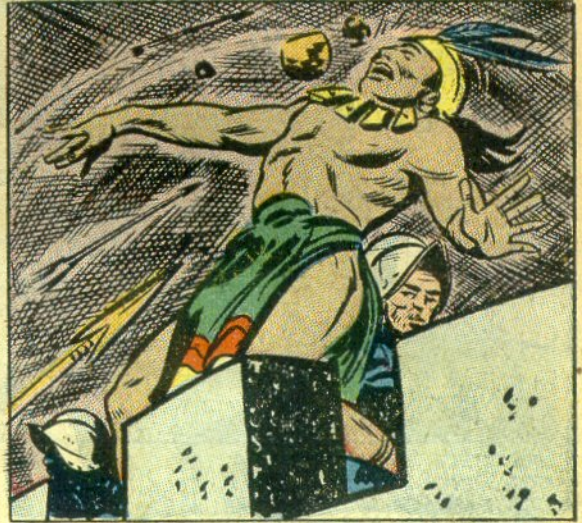
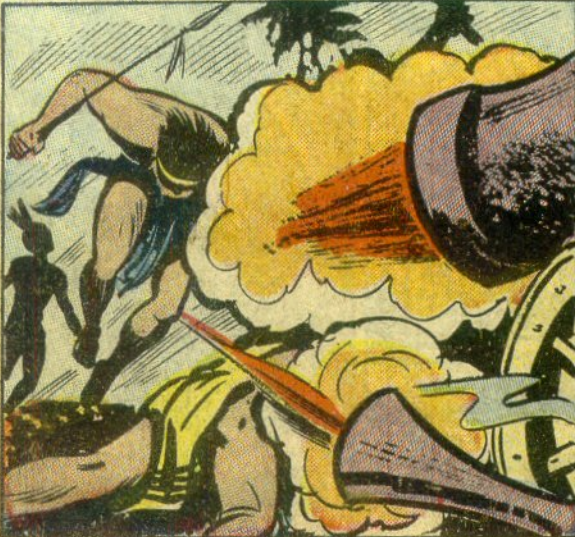
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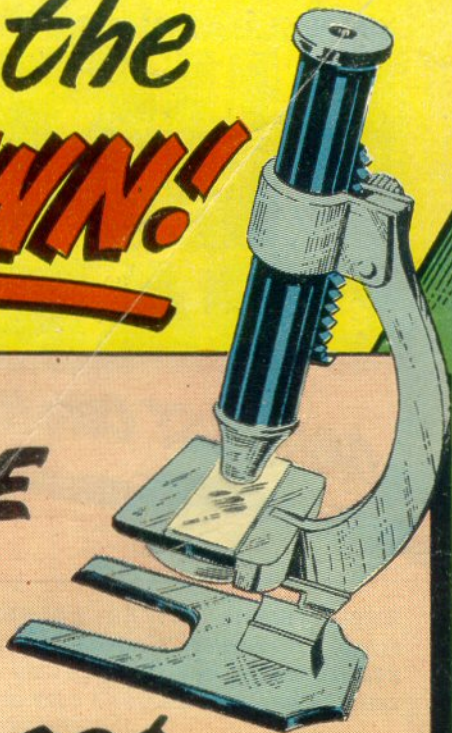


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